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AUSTRALIA AGAIN

By JOHN ECONOMOS (in Melbourne)

AUSTRALIA won the International Soccer Series against Yugoslav Cup Champions Red Star when they crushed the visitors 4-0 in the final 'test' match of the Series at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

The magnificent, superb, explosive reversal of form by the Australian team completely shattered Red Star who were left stunned in Melbourne.

The Australian stand in captain for the Series, centre-

back David Ratcliffe, drove his team relentlessly forward, determined not to concede a solitary goal.

In fact, THAT was the game plan by Australia's coach, Frank Arok. He wanted no goals against his

team and instructed his players accordingly.

Ratcliffe told ASW immediately after the match:

"By winning this last match 4 nil, after going down 4-1 in Adelaide, showed that this Australian side has the courage and above all the character to get back up. This display of character is

vital for a good National team.

Australia attacked with a brand-new twin striking combination of Jimmy Patikas and David Mitchell. Both were magnificent.

Patikas scored a brilliant goal as well as winning a penalty for Australia.

The midfield quartet of Zarko Odzakav, Joe Watson, Oscar Crino, Kenny Murphy, worked tirelessly. Odzakav and Watson gave a quality ball-supply to Patikas and Mitchell.



JIMMY PATIKAS

Ian Gray, Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos and Steve O'Connor were impregnable in defence.

Terry Greedy, Australia's goalkeeper was excellent, and highly effective in the little pressure that was fired at him.

Patikas, Man of the Match, playing for the first time as an outright striker for the national team destroyed the Yugoslav defence-line with his power explosive raids that cut holes repeatedly in the Yugoslav Cup Champions back-four.

S.B.S. GOES INTO RUSSIA

LAST Friday morning, Australia's Young Champions, flew out of Sydney ... destination Russia.

Mission ... the World Youth Championship Coca Cola Cup.

The Coca-Cola Cup is a World Championship staged every two years since 1977.

S.B.S. Australia's No 1 soccer channel will cover exclusively the Australian Youth Socceroos' crusade for the World Youth Championship in the USSR, commencing August 25.

Live telecasts via satellite have already been arranged by SBS that will bring us matches of the world's best 16 nations.

Jimmy Shoulder, Australia's coach of our young champions, has a herculean task ahead of him but is well equipped with some exciting material in his squad.

Chris Kalantzis, Sydney Olympic's block-busting left winger, has already grabbed headlines playing in the Olympic Airways Nationals Soccer League, as have Alex Bundalo, Wollongong's ace-attacking midfielder and St George's powerful midfield-striker, Peter Petkovski.

Australia has taken part in the last three World Championships.

In 1981 in October, Australia was host nation for the Champion-

ships and in 1983, qualified for Mexico and in fact made the quarter-finals.

S.B.S.-TV's exclusive live telecast from the Soviet Union, kicks-off on Sunday, August 25 at 12.55am (Adelaide 12.25am) with the curtain going up to the opening match being none other than the USSR vs Australia in Minsk.

The following Wednesday, August 28, again at the same time, Australia will clash with Canada followed by their match against Nigeria on Friday August 30, again at 12.55am (Adelaide 12.25am).

All three matches will be brought in live by S.B.S.

If that is not enough, SBS will also knock in a live telecast of the Final to be played in Moscow on Sunday, September 8 at 12.55am.

Mike Hill and Johnny Warren, former Australian World Cup captain, will be the Network's commentary force. They both fly out to Moscow this week to join Australia's Young Champions in the Soviet.

Should Australia make it into the quarter finals, SBS will cover live all their matches.

IT'S OLYMPIC'S NATIONAL CUP!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC players and fans alike rejoiced without concern after their somewhat emotional 2-1 National Cup victory over Preston Makedonia at St George Stadium yesterday.

Curiously though Olympic dominated possession and territorially, they never

really created a scoring chance.

What did occur though was that Olympic's defence lapsed momentarily and in effect tragically for them as Gary Cole pounced with all his old panache.

13 minutes into the first half Jim Ziras

played a suicidal 'hospital ball' square towards Alex Lampropoulos. Caught unaware the tall centre-back from Bonnyrigg was unable to recover quick enough as Cole intercepted and drove the ball with the outside of his boot past the groping Gary

Meier into the net from the edge of the area. 1-0 down and inexplicably the Olympic players drooped their heads as if to say 'we can't win'.

Preston on seeing this immediately set on punishing the Olympians further and did not go far from doing so.

On the half hour Graham Jennings set more than a few hearts fluttering with an awkward back pass that had his keeper Gary Meier struggling.

Then Ziras played another suicide square ball that was intercepted by Heys who failed to capitalise. The Olympic defence at this moment was looking shakier than the proverbial 'hut in a cyclone'.

With only nine minutes remaining Preston were two-goals up but for the brilliance of veteran Olympic keeper Gary Meier.

A cross by ex-Derby County striker Sean Lane saw Steve Smith



Sydney Olympic's captain Peter Raskopoulos receives the national cup from Sam Papasavas.

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driving a header goalward only for Meier to make a miraculous save, as he tipped the ball over for a corner.

Five minutes later Smith had no one to curse but himself when again he was alone for a free-header, this time it was well wide from five metres.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Spurred on by captain Peter Raskopoulos, Olympic came back into the match but were unable to deliver the blow that would draw them level.

Raskopoulos himself was denied by the agility of 19-year-old Preston keeper, Phil Traianedes when he curled a wicked free-kick towards the far post, but the youngster was equal to the task as he clung to the ball.

Again in the 59th minute Preston should have ended Olympic's hopes when a superb goalscoring opportunity presented itself.

Sean Lane, so impressive on the right wing, made some space and whipped over a cross that eluded Gary Cole but fell to the feet of the seasoned Zoran Ilioski.

Ilioski with only the advancing Gary Meier to beat from no more than 6 metres screwed his shot right across goal in a diabolical miss.

Chris Polias though seemed intent on bettering the effort of the Preston midfielder, when in the 73rd minute (only five after coming on as a substitute), he jumped to meet a brilliant cross by Raskopoulos three metres from goal. With the Olympic supporters already doing their traditional lap of honour the youngster contrived to head over! "I thought that was the end of us", claimed Schaefer later. "When Chris missed with the header, I said to myself 'That is it, we're finished'.

Polias however must have breathed a huge sigh of relief when in the 80th minute Olympic levelled.

Following a concerted Olympic attacking spell, several corners were won. The all-important corner was taken by Martin Rogers and oddly enough was probably the worst of the lot but whether out of fabrication or not the ball fell to Alex Lampropoulos who when under pressure managed to squeeze the ball to Peter Katholos who drove through a crowd of players in the area, the ball bobbed free to the feet of the ultimate Greek-hero, Marshall Soper and the ball nestled in the back of the net.

Preston were on their heels and Olympic took full advantage one minute later when the ball fell to Chris Polias, he had an opening from some 10 metres but elected to hold on to the ball. When he did eventually shoot the ball rebounded out to Raskopoulos who capped a fine game with a rasping drive along the ground from some 18 metres that Traianedes could not stop.

Preston could not come back and Sydney Olympic were crowned National Cup

room, "It was a really good game. Good to watch but obviously for us a disappointing result. To be fair I thought we may have been worth the win but we didn't take all our chances and were unable to hold them out and we paid dearly for these lapses".

Between ducking showers of champagne and well-wishes, Olympic's Manfred Schaefer said, "I always thought one goal would be enough. Yet the way we played for the majority of the first half we never looked

'BUSH BOYS' STRETCH RED STAR.

THERE was much more than exhibition value about Red Star Belgrade's 3-1 victory over a talented Northern NSW side at Speers Point last Tuesday.

Newcastle fans, happy about Peter Stone, David Lowe, Peter Tredinnick and Andy Stankovic being back on local turf, came anticipating a showing that would do justice to Northern Soccer. And that is what they got.

Red Star went ahead after 90 seconds through Husref Musemic and appeared to attempt to cruise along in third gear for long passes.

But the locals refused to permit such a luxury and displayed determined attacking zeal to succeed and the equaliser was possible.

It came in the 63rd minute when Tredinnick tapped his free kick to Joe Senkalski who blasted a low shot goalward, and the ball propped perfectly for Darren Stewart to head home.

Red Star immediately increased the tempo and regained the lead in the 75th minute when the deadly Musemic grabbed a goal.

Mitar Mrkela's stunning speed and finishing ability produced an 88th minute goal to put the seal on what was a thoroughly entertaining encounter.

It rained throughout, yet Red Star gained their result, but the secondary honours all went to the home side.

Coach Ken Kaiser started with an entirely Newcastle bred lineup and their skill-factor and outlook impressed everybody.

If Red Star were doing it easy then they must have been concerned by the frequency with which Lowe, Stewart, Tredinnick and substitute Robbie Green got behind the defence.

As an extremely pleased Kaiser said:

"We didn't have a ball player."

Special mention must go to Northern's all-action midfield of captain John McQuarrie, Senkalski, Tredinnick and Peter Stone, outstanding in his return.

Those obviously with the best interest of Australia's Youth team at heart, were left in no doubt that we'd stand a better chance in Russia if Stewart and Neil Owens were in the side.

Against the Yugoslav's class, these two looked complete pros.



Marshall Soper is pictured here

champions for the second time when referee Don Campbell blew for full-time.

Preston coach Billy Murray said amid a sombre dressing

likely.

"Their quick breaks didn't work, as we knew how they would play, I knew exactly what they would do...you know through a few contacts in Melbourne", he chided.

"They were very aggressive but we were too good".

MAN OF THE MATCH: PETER RASKOPOULOS, for leading his side with a real captains performance ... from the front.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Rogers 8, Jennings 5, Ziras 4.5, Lampropoulos 7, Johnstone 6.5, Raskopoulos 8, Soper 6.5, Ogun 5, Katholos 4.5 (Hanoit 88), Koussas 5.5 (Polias 68).

PRESTON: Traianedes 7, Opasinis 7, McMillan 6, Ilioski 5.5, Dobson 6.5, Dunn 7, Heys 6, Petrov 6, Lane 7, Smith 7, Cole 8.

CROWD: 6187.

REFEREE: Don Campbell

Northern NSW distinguished performance has certainly improved the chances of international teams making regular showing in the area.

For any ambitious business interest with soccer in mind, the prospect of backing a side that truly represents Northern strength must have been evident after last Tuesday's match.

RED STAR: Ivkovic, Krmotic (46 minute Krzobic, Jankovic, Krivakovic, Miletovic (46 minute Ivanovic), B. Djurovski (46 minute Elsndr), Nikolic, Zjaja, Musemic, M. Djurovski (46 minute Djurovic) Mrkela.

N.S.W.: Grills (46 minute Gosgaard), Maier, Owens, Boogaard (48 minute Gaffty), Stankovic, McQuarrie, Tredinnick, Stone, Senkalski, Lowe, Stewart (66 minute Green).

REFEREE: R. Davies.

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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Wollongong | 23 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 50 | 26 | 34 |
| Canberra | 23 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 45 | 28 | 34 |
| Sydney City | 22 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 57 | 25 | 31 |
| A.I.S. | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 63 | 49 | 26 |
| St George | 23 | 11 | 2 | 10 | 45 | 49 | 24 |
| Newcastle | 23 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 25 | 29 | 23 |
| Leichhardt | 23 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 30 | 36 | 21 |
| Marconi | 23 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 45 | 48 | 20 |
| Inter-Monaro | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 31 | 45 | 20 |
| Blacktown | 23 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 38 | 50 | 17 |
| Croatia | 23 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 32 | 44 | 17 |
| Olympic | 23 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 32 | 45 | 17 |
| Penrith | 23 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 32 | 51 | 14 |

ST GEORGE 1 (Slater 14) WOLLONGONG 5 (Nees 20, 34, Matsias 49, Brown 65, Corridini 75).

SYDNEY CITY 5 (Farina 33, 50, Patterson 41, Gomez 60, Parish 78) NEWCASTLE 0.

WOLLONGONG 0 A.I.S. 0

ST GEORGE 2 (Kotsias 5, Watson 53 (pen) PENRITH 1 (Ginn 82))

SYDNEY CITY 4 (Parish 40, Patterson 55, Foxman 70, Rodrigues 80) A.I.S. 1 (Foster 75)

BLACKTOWN 1 (Plumb 85) CANBERRA 1 (Perinovic 33 (pen))

ST GEORGE 4 (Kotsias 5, High 30, Watson 40, 43)

OLYMPIC 2 (Brady (og) 52, Ciaramella 70)

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| Fairy Meadow | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 12 | 28 |
| Canterbury | 19 | 11 | 5 | 3 | 38 | 18 | 27 |
| Melita Eagles | 19 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 17 | 26 |
| Sutherland | 19 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 32 | 13 | 26 |
| Ku-ring-gai | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 18 | 20 |
| Avala | 19 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 19 | 20 |
| Rockdale Ilinden | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 16 | 18 |
| Manly Warringah | 19 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 16 |
| Polonia | 19 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 44 | 14 |
| Warringah N'been | 19 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 35 | 12 |
| Uruguay Auburn | 18 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 27 | 10 |
| Bankstown National | 18 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 12 | 40 | 7 |

SECOND DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| W'gong Macedonia | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 11 | 29 |
| Gladesville Hby | 18 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 32 | 9 | 28 |
| Queens Park | 18 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 39 | 18 | 24 |
| Blacktown United | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 38 | 19 | 21 |
| Campbelltown City | 17 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 37 | 22 | 20 |
| North Bankstown | 17 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 27 | 16 | 20 |
| Yugal | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 31 | 19 | 16 |
| Artarmon | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 21 | 22 | 16 |
| Bathurst '75 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 28 | 13 |
| Dee Why | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 34 | 11 |
| Canterbury & Dist | 19 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 21 | 58 | 9 |
| Penrith United | 19 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 17 | 78 | 3 |

THIRD DIVISION

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Kingsford | 19 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 43 | 21 | 19 |
| Bondi Marine | 17 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 45 | 17 | 23 |
| Baulkham Hills | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 18 | 23 |
| King Tomislav | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 21 | 23 |
| North Ryde | 19 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 31 | 21 | 22 |
| Rooty Hill | 18 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 39 | 18 | 19 |
| C'belltown Dist | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 25 | 17 |
| Port Hacking | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 19 | 28 | 16 |
| Moorebank L'pool | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 26 | 12 |
| Granville District | 17 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 35 | 11 |
| Uni of NSW | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 25 | 11 |
| Mt Druitt Town | 18 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 17 | 59 | 9 |

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Rockdale Ilinden v Sutherland Shire | 0-1 | 0-3 | 0-3 |
| Uruguay Auburn v Avala | 3-0 | 4-0 | 0-3 |
| Fairy Meadow v Polonia | 0-2 | 11-0 | 2-1 |
| Manly Warringah v Warringah N'been | 0-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 |
| Ku-ring-gai v Melita Eagles | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-2 |
| Bankstown National v Cant M'ville Oly | 1-3 | 0-9 | 3-2 |

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

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|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Campbelltown City v Dee Why Swans | 2-0 | 1-0 | 2-1 |
| Artamon v Queens Park | 0-2 | 2-6 | 2-1 |
| Queens Park v Artarmon | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Gladesville Hsby v Wollongong Mac | 0-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 |
| Penrith United v Nth Bankstown | 2-5 | 0-4 | 1-1 |
| Bathurst '75 v Cant & Dist | 0-0 | 0-0 | 5-0 |
| SSC Yugal v Blacktown Utd | 1-3 | | |

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

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| Rooty Hill v Mt Druitt Town | 4-0 | 2-1 | 2-1 |
| Bondi Marine v North Ryde RSL | 0-0 | 2-1 | 5-0 |
| Uni of NSW v Baulkham Hills | 2-0 | | |
| Kingsford v Port Hacking | 5-1 | 1-0 | |
| King Tomislav v Uni of NSW | 1-0 | 3-2 | |
| Moorebank L'pool v Kingsford | 4-2 | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| Port Hacking v Granville | 3-2 | 2-2 | |
| C'town Dist v Baulkham Hills | 1-0 | 1-3 | 0-3 |

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| CSI Schofields v West Park Utd | 0-2 | | |
| Lane Cove Utd v Nineveh Eagles | 2-0 | | |
| Eastwood S/A v Spanish Club | 5-1 | | |
| Spanish Club v Hurstville Zagreb | 6-3 | | |
| West St George v Padstow Park | 0-2 | | |
| Fairfield Kiev v Eastwood S/A | 2-1 | | |
| CSI Schofield v West Park | 0-2 | | |

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

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| Pagewood v Liverpool | 1-2 | 5-1 | |
| Macarthur United v Macquarie Uni | 1-3 | 1-2 | |
| Chelsea v Concordia | 4-0 | 4-0 | |
| Hawkesbury v Maroubra | 1-0 | 0-1 | |
| Trasandinos v Wentworth | 1-2 | 1-1 | |
| Green Valley v Chile Sports | 0-0 | 1-0 | |

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

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|----------------------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Concord Juniors v Rangers Hajduk | 1-4 | 1-2 | |
| Chullora v Blacktown Wands | 0-1 | 0-2 | |
| Sydney Maccabi v Haberfield B/D | 3-0 | 2-1 | |
| Blacktown Wands v Chullora | 2-1 | 4-2 | |
| Dulwich Hill v Rosebery | 8-0 | 0-5 | |
| Robins v Haberfield B/D | 1-1 | 2-1 | |
| Welcome Sports v Smithfield | 5-0 | 1-0 | |

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

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| Colo Colo v Green Island | 1-3 | 2-1 | |
| Castle Hill v Lithgow Workmen | 4-0 | 0-0 | |
| Petersham v Murray Farm | 5-0 | 0-0 | |
| Macedonia Yagoona v Jedinstro | 4-1 | 4-1 | |
| Castle Hill v Argentinian L/U | 2-2 | 2-1 | |
| Nepean Rovers v Lithgow Workmen | 2-3 | 1-3 | |

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

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| Columbian v Abruzzi | 0-3 | | |
| Santiago Wands v Hellas Poseidon | 1-2 | | |
| Cyprus Utd v Fairfield Athletic | 1-0 | 1-0 | |
| Highlands v Crescent Star | 0-1 | 2-1 | |
| Amal v Luddenham Croatia | 1-3 | 7-2 | |
| Columbian v Abruzzi | 1-5 | 4-1 | |

RED STAR WHACKS AUSTRALIA 4-1
(JOHN ECONOMOS IN ADELAIDE)

RED STAR whacked Australia 4-1 at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday night in the 'third test' of the International Soccer Series.

The Yugoslav Cup Champions taught Australia a severe lesson in attacking football.



CHIT CHAT

GRAHAM HONEYMAN must be wondering if someone up there doesn't like him.

There he was, coaching along at the end of his career as West Adelaide captain and sweeper, doing coach Neil McGachey a favor by playing on at 33, and he is called up for the Socceroos.

Although he didn't get on the field in the last international series, coach **FRANK AROK** promised him a game this time round.

All is well, and Honeyman is in great form, topping local and interstate Press polls in award competitions.

Comes the final Socceroos camp and Honeyman is laid low with a groin injury.

"It's the first I've had in five years," he said.

"It's coming good, and I just hope I can make it for at least one match in an Australian shirt."

Honeyman's last appearance in an international was as a member of Scotland's Under 23 squad.



BEFORE leaving with the Youth Socceroos for the World Championship in the Soviet Union, coach **JIMMY SHOULDER** repeated his claim that the 5-0 hiding inflicted on his team by NSW was "a very good thing."

"It's the best thing that could have happened because it brought some of our lads down to earth with a bang," said Jimmy.

"Some of them were beginning to believe their newspaper reports and imagined they were already superstars," said Shoulder.

Shoulder is confident the team will do well in the USSR but admits they might have problems facing up to 80,000 hostile spectators in the Dinamo Minsk stadium where Australia plays the host nation in the first game.

THE SA State squad manager coach, **MIKE WELLS**, was furious with the postponing of the match against Red Star following the revised international program.

This is the third time he has prepared a squad and finished without a game.

It happened with a proposed match against Victoria, and ironically, when a Red Star tour did not come off.

However, there could be compensation for the players who worked so hard — an overseas tour is believed to be almost clinched and will see them take off for Asia.



"WE brought the Germans to their knees in a wonderful exhibition — even the German coach congratulated us on our excellent football."

The speaker was **IAN BRUSASCO** when we phoned him to congratulate the Australian Under 16s on their fine performances in the World Championship in China.

"I'm tickled pink with these boys," said Brusasco, Australia's tour leader.



EDDIE THOMSON Sydney City's champion NSL coach whilst boarding the aircraft to Adelaide with Australia's team said to one of ASW journalists, "Everybody has got something smart to say about **JOE WATSON** being so small.

"Let me tell you that I respect Joe — he has a good attitude AND HE LOOKS UP AT PEOPLE!"

GENTLEMAN from a weekly soccer publication — not ASW — copped a blast from national coach **FRANK AROK** at the media conference following a Red Star game.

Arok told him he would rip out his tape when he spotted the scribe clutching to a small recorder to capture the coaches comments.

"You know I sometimes swear when I'm excited: you know I give you off the record comments at times, so don't go taping everything I say."

"Next time I will rip out the tape. Please don't use that thing."



A FLAMBOYANT character claiming to be a Green Gully scout has been making offers to two players.

He contacted Adelaide City pair **COLIN McADAM** and **MIKE DONNELLY**.

He may succeed with the latter, as he was dropped from the NSL first team squad, but it is doubtful if McAdam would move to Melbourne.

The "agent" has also had a talk with Socceroo David Mitchell.

DAVIE PROVAN, Celtic's wonder-winger who recently guested for Sydney Olympic, was honoured here by the Celtic Supporters' Club during his stay.

The Celtic boys staged a surprise dinner for Davie at the St George Budapest Soccer club where he was presented with gifts.

A special surprise was arranged for their idol when "Vinnie" the Celtic club's video expert, compiled a special tape of all goals scored by Davie during the last season in Scotland.

Provan was knocked out.

In his short responding speech, he told the Celtic boys:

"I will always remember this night. I knew Celtic had supporters all over Europe, but to meet an organised, strong force as far away as in Australia, is just magic."

The Celtic Supporters' Club, meets every second Monday night at the St George Soccer club in Mortdale and shows videos of Celtic matches from the previous week from Scotland.

The president, **KEVIN GAFFNEY**, and secretary, **TERRY MCKECHNIE**, have already organised a membership of Celtic supporters numbering 90.

All Celtic fans wishing to join this club, should contact Kevin on 02 709 7236.



"YOU get pressures in every job but I don't think they'll be anything like as bad as in soccer."

That comment came from Pat Collins, wife of former Canberra City coach **DOUG COLLINS**, and she was talking about Doug's appointment as a franchise-holder with McDonalds the hamburger people.



DAVID RATCLIFFE, St George's World Cup stopper, indicated that his goalkeeper Terry Greedy was a bit slow getting down to a shot so Ratcliffe held his hands straight above his head and yelled out

"Timberrrrr ..." Terry was not amused.



Terry McKechnie makes a presentation to David Provan (right).

MARTYN CROOK

looks like having to write off any hopes of regaining a place in the Socceroo squad.

The West Adelaide custodian has had to cut back his training schedule with the club because of business commitments connected with his pest control business.

Work took up so much of his time he had to pull out of the State team which was to have played Red Star, but was left stranded when the international series program was revamped.

"People here have always said they want big games played in the city and we have provided one," Kelly said.

"Red Star are popular all over the world, let alone with Yugoslav people, so we expect a good crowd to turn out for the game."

Wollongong are up for at least \$12,000 to have the game but given good weather, officials are confident they will come out of it with a slight profit.

The club supporters are hoping their players come through unscathed as they face the vital last-round game against Blacktown on Sunday.

Wollongong need just a point from this game to avoid relegation they will already be without midfielders Alex Bundalo and Zivko Hristovski for the Blacktown game so can't afford to lose any other players.



TERRY GREDY
(ST GEORGE'S SOCCEROO GOALKEEPER)

WOLLONGONG City's **RADE STEFANOFSKI** is proving something of a surprise packet as his team battles to avoid relegation.

He scored important goals against Newcastle and St George to help the Wolves pick up three vital points in successive games.

Stefanovski came out from Yugoslavia to join Wollongong Macedonia but when the Macedonia officials went to Mascot they were expecting his brother.

They had been negotiating with his brother but when Rade stepped off the plane decided to give him a trial and eventually signed him.

Stefanovski left Macedonia this season after a prolonged transfer wrangle and paid his own transfer fee of \$1500 so he could join the National League side.

Macedonia originally wanted \$5000 for him but the fee was reduced on appeal.

Coach **ADRIAN ALSTON** feels the little winger could have made a really big impact with his new club if the transfer deal hadn't taken so long.

"He will make his presence felt in 1986 if we can stay in the league," Alston said.

"He is a very lively player and has the speed to trouble any defender."



WISE words from **NICK PAPALLO**, president of Apia Leichhardt ... "The National League will have to spend more money on advertising and promotion."

ASW is quite convinced the National League blundered badly by dropping its match advert in this paper ... to save a few miserable dollars.

The NSL bosses should be told that if they don't inform the public where and when matches are being played, they'll never recover from the depressing crowd drought.

St George is one club which advertises with ASW before every home game. Saints do this because it is good for business — not because they want to see this paper prospering.

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THE CROWD AT ST GEORGE was something to behold ... it was large and more importantly it created an atmosphere not regularly seen in Soccer.

You may think this is great and just what everyone in Australia was looking for ... WRONG!

The crowd at St. George was pitifully pro-Red Star, exactly the thing none of us were looking for, examples of this kind of 'support' have been given in Soccer Weekly lately and yet it continues.

Agreed, many ethnics find it hard to rid themselves of their natural culture and find it impossible to go against their own homeland in whatever, be it sport or anything else ... but not to the extremes that went on last week at the international.

The crowd were at times booing Australia! THIS IS NOT ON! Get serious all you so-called Australians — support Australia or if you don't want to support them then for heaven's sake don't rubbish them.

We don't want any more of the rubbish that went on last week.

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UNBELIEVABLE ... that is the only way I can describe there not being any staff journos in China with the U/16's.

Sure it is all over now with the young Aussies knocked out but if they had gone on and done something - like created some sort of history then there would have been a few red faces about.

This is not all in hindsight either let me tell you. I was quite astounded when I learnt of the lack of media from Australia ... only one man.

Not that ASW was free of the criticism either. For one thing the media coverage back home was pathetic to say the least; there was only the smallest of stories in the morning papers about Australia's loss to Guinea in the quarters.

As for the criticism levelled at us, well I guess in some quarters the criticism was warranted

BUT we did make it quite clear to all who contacted us during the week that a double page special was being planned for this week's ASW; unfortunately it can't be made all the more enjoyable following the K.O. of our youngsters.

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THE ISSUE OF DRUGS IN SPORT rose its ugly head at the SCG last Monday night whilst I was at the footie.

A couple of keen students of the game focused in on the expressions of a certain players face that night and commented that he didn't look too, shall we say ... normal?

Of late there has been a good, stern crack-down on drugs in sport, e.g. Olympics and World Cup, but it doesn't go far enough as local competition goes.

The committees of all sports should have a close look at this sombre fact and clamp down quickly and strongly, remembering in the long run that stimulants and what-have-you can only damage someone irrevocably.

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JIMMY SHOULDER'S YOUNG AUSTRALIANS have just left our humble shores to attempt to continue our superlative record in the FIFA COCA-COLA WORLD YOUTH CUP.

They have a very hard act to follow and if as many 'jewels' come out of this turing party as did the last one and those previous it will only serve to enrich our game.

Personally I feel they have less of the so-called 'name' players in the squad than their predecessors (then again who is a name player at this stage?), but such is the aura young Australian teams are held in now, they may just crack it big over in the Soviet Union.

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ONCE AGAIN a rash piece of planning seems to have let the NSL down.

THE NSL Cup was set down 'out of the blue' really last Sunday at the Australia-Red Star international at St. George, a move that took everybody by shock not in the least the journos travelling to Adelaide and Melbourne for the internationals.

One of which was played on the same day as the final encounter between the Socceroos and

Red Star, this led to several internationals having to be released to play in a club match before an international.

The fact is until the NSL Cup becomes a momentous occasion (let us hope that it will in the not to far distant future) it shouldn't interfere with a national coach's preparation for the biggest event in sport THE WORLD CUP.

Luckily the national coach understands the dilemma's club coach's face...maybe because he is one!

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HAS TO BE SAID although it sounds like a broken record...but ASW have done it again!

You could have put all your money on John Kosmina not playing in this international series again when one saw him hobbling around with a broken toe BUT we predicted on the front page last week that Kosmina would play and of course he did.

BUT even better! David Mitchell was supposed to be out of the series with a groin injury, in fact he wasn't even listed on the official team sheets but sure enough we said he would play and as ever we were right.

With all these scoops you'd think we were selecting the Australian squads nowadays...not quite, what it is, is very good journalistic work, isn't that right Frank?

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MEMO: Get your house in order ASF!

As editor of ASW I have successfully on two occasions recently been snubbed by the ASF as far as functions are concerned.

Not that I'm unduly worried but the first occasion was the farewell for the Under/16's and the second the 'bon voyage' for the Under/20's.

Whether or not an invite was sent and some way didn't reach my attention I don't know but the simple fact of the matter is I never heard from the ASF or received anything from them.

You know the old saying 'Third time lucky?'

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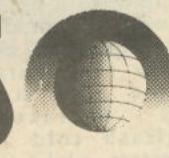
QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Eddie Thomson speaking on Joe Watson.

"I respect Joe Watson, for one thing he is always willing to learn and moreover HE ALWAYS LOOKS UP TO PEOPLE!"

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KODAK KIDS CLICK FIRST UP!

AUSTRALIA'S 1-0 triumph over the arrogant Argentines was without doubt one of the greatest moments in Australian soccer — rivalling anything we had previously done.

It was a courageous win, more so to come up against one of the favourites in the first qualifying match of the Group (Group B) and perform as stoically as they did.

The win came after the Australians had to endure days of taunting from the Argentinians off the field and a vicious first 10 minutes on the field.

The Australians and Argentina, Congo and Germany were staying at the Tianjin Hotel, where for days the Argentinians had taunted their opponents, particularly Australia — in the lift, in the dining room and in the hotel foyer.

Answer

The Australian coaches told their team to give their answer on the football field and that night they did with their one-nil victory — it carried on from where the Australian youth team beat Argentina in Australia in 1981.

The Argentinians were silent when they went to dinner after the match.

Australia's goal came from a header by West Australian twin Craig Naven in the 29th minute, and Australia nearly scored on two other occasions before half-time and then took many Argentinian attacks in their stride to hold out for the 80 minutes without further score.

An exuberant senior coach, Vic Dalglish from Sydney, said later: "Never in my wildest dreams did I leave New Zealand two years ago after qualifying for the Cup believing we could achieve this victory

over the highly-rated Argentinians — one of the favorites for the tournament.

"We played to a plan and it worked but not before all the players showed what big hearts they have.

"I told them to give all they had for Australia and they did.

"This is the first stage in the rise of Australia in the football world."

Mexican referee Joaquin Urrea Reyes showed the Argentinians he was boss when he repeatedly penalised them for rough play in the first 10 minutes.

Argentinian star Hugo Maradona was elusive and looked dangerous early but could not cope with the close Australian tackling.

The Australians soon showed he had a long way to go to match his brother, Diego, who is reputedly the highest paid soccer player in the world.

The Australians were always confident they could give the Argentinians a close match.

The coaches, Dalglish and Bruce Stowell from Brisbane, had repeatedly told them "our youth team beat Argentina in 1981" and they could do just as well.

It was all Argentina in the first few minutes, with Maradona missing a header and Lorenzo Fruitos just missing with an angled left-foot shot.

A goal by David Barrett in the 31st minute was disallowed and shortly before half-time a shot by Alfie Catalano from Brisbane hit the crossbar.

With most of 25,000 Chinese spectators cheering for Australia, there were many "oohs" as the Australians just missed getting their second goal before half-time.

At half-time, Dalglish told his team: "You are 40 minutes from greatness — remember you are achieving it for Australia."

Australia defended desperately as the Argentinians mounted sharp attacks. But Gareth Naven and Brisbane's Damien Butler, who is the only 15-year-old in the team, kept them at bay.

"The Cat", goalkeeper Carrado Nobile, from Melbourne, flew high in Australian rules

fashion to stop Argentina taking advantage of corners and Australian boots and heads worked furiously as the Argentinians became desperate.

At the 60 minute mark, Stan Thodis from Melbourne replaced Craig Foster and soon afterwards Colin Cooper, also from Melbourne, replaced West Australian Scott Racey.

Australian hearts — there were 14 parents in the stand plus officials and players — stopped for a second when an Argentinian shot hit the crossbar and soon afterwards a second shot just went over the net.

Australia now has to play Congo and West Germany.

In Peking, squads of uniformed police were seated throughout a highly-partisan but well behaved crowd of 70,000 when China drew with Bolivia 1-1.

ASW Editor Frank Coletta runs the microscope over the excellent performance by the Under 16 Australians in China.

A whole summary on their efforts, the blood, the sweat and finally the tears.

GAME 2:

AUSTRALIA WIN IN GRAND STYLE

AUSTRALIA qualified for the quarter-finals of the inaugural under 16 World Soccer Cup by defeating Congo 2-1 in China but the win was dampened by an injury to star midfielder Craig Naven.

Naven, from Perth, was playing a big part in Australia's second straight win in Group B of the tournament, before spraining his ankle in the second half.

The talented youngster had to be carried from the field

by senior coach Vic Dalglish.

Australia took command early on and played a style of football that was to impress everyone at the ground in Tianjin.

The Congans were run into the ground and never in the first half looked likely to trouble our youngsters.

Australia's goal scorers were Paul Trimble from Melbourne in the 19th minute and Stan Thodis also from Melbourne two minutes after half-time.

With a 2 goal buffer the young Australians

dropped down a gear or two to allow their opponents back into the match — a fact that somewhat disappointed coach Vic Dalglish.

Although it was only 2-1 in the end, the Australians showed enough to prove they will be a threat to all comers.

Further tests today will show the extent of Naven's injury.

The win ensured Australia qualified for the quarter-finals. They had four points, the Germans three, Argentina one and Congo zero.

SUMMARY

LOOKING GOOD



AUSTRALIA showed in this match that they have the class and tenacity to match most sides including the next opposition in West Germany.

One thing they seem to lack is that 'killer instinct' — they should have pummelled the boys from Congo after being 2-0 up after 47 minutes, instead they let them grab a goal and get back to 2-1 — only time will tell if they will suffer for this lack of 'finishing off' opponents when they have them cornered.



Australia's Naven twins, Craig and Gareth are seen here during some heading practice.

SUMMARY

IT WAS ALL COURAGE!

AUSTRALIA's young Soccer players were still trying to keep their feet on the ground following the 1-0 victory over Argentina in the first qualifying match of the Under 16 World Cup in China.

A goal from the head of Craig Naven snatched the win.

But coaches Vic Dalglish and Bruce Stowell have warned the players a lot of hard work lies ahead.

"We won that night through raw courage but we also made many mistakes," Dalglish told the youngsters while they

celebrated victory.

Results)

Group A) China 1
Bolivia 1; USA 0
Guinea 1.

Group B) Australia 1
Argentina 0; West Germany 4 Congo 1.

Group C) Saudi Arabia 4 Costa Rica 1; Nigeria 1 Italy 0.

Group D) Hungary 0 Mexico 0; Brazil 2
Qatar 1.



KODAKS KIDS BLITZKREIG GERMANS

IT was storybook stuff for Australia's 'babes' that night in Tianjin as they swept aside the challenge of the West German's with an authoritative 1-0 victory.

In front of nearly 25,000 spectators the young 16-year-olds outplayed the West German's like no one had ever before.

Striker, Paul Trimble — who has had a superb tournament was the star, as he continually troubled the German defence.

It was one of the finest hours in Australian soccer and it passed largely unnoticed on Sunday night.

In a stadium in Tianjin, China's third largest city (population 7.4 million) before an adoring 25,000 crowd, Australia's

under-16 team, known as the Kodak Kids, secured a berth in the quarter-finals of the world under-16 tournament with a win over the highly fancied West Germany.

It was a monumental achievement, but one which has gone unrecognised because of the absence of any Australian reporters.

Nevertheless, word filtered back from the

FOR THE KODAK CUP, CHINA 1985

port city, 135km south-east of the capital of Peking on the Bohai Gulf, of the Australian side's remarkable efforts.

The Kodak Kids now meet Guinea, the former French colony in west Africa, in Tianjin tomorrow night for a place in the semi-finals.

Securing victory in that match, which is by no means unlikely, will mark one of our greatest international achievements and effectively give Australia a top-four ranking in a game played by more than 150 countries.

It would eclipse the efforts of the under-19 side which qualified for the quarter-finals of the 1981 World Youth Cup and compare favourably with the senior side's qualification for the 1974 World Cup finals.

While no-one in the Australian camp took the Guinea game for granted the tournament has proved beyond doubt that at this level the so-called world powers of the game are mere mortals.

It was a point rammed home by the pres-

ident of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George, before the team's departure and vindicated by the exit of Argentina, Italy and Mexico at the weekend.

The Argentines, who were pre-tournament favourites, lost their opening Group B game 1-0 to Australia (who matched the effort of the under-19 side in 1981). They needed to beat Congo by four goals to reach the quarter-finals at West Germany's expense.

They could manage only a 4-2 result and the Australian team certainly lost little sleep over the demise.

The Argentines, with the younger brother of the world's highest paid player, Diego Maradona, in the side, had made it obvious that they considered success a formality from the moment they checked into Tianjin's Grand Hotel along with the Australians.

"They were very arrogant and before the first game constantly taunted our boys," Australia's assistant coach, Bruce Stowell, said yesterday.



Paul Trimboli

ified for the quarter-finals before Paul Trimboli's second goal of the tournament beat West Germany, but victory ensured that the team was the only one to go through the qualifying rounds with maximum points.

"Like a lot of the so-called top nations they were cocky and thought it would be a walkover and there was a lot of unpleasantness as a result.

"Well, they've gone home with their tails between their legs and I must admit we're not sorry to see them go."

Australia had qual-

way to ingratiate themselves with the locals in Tianjin.

"The PR job seems to have worked. The fans have been right behind us and against the Germans we had 100 per cent of the support," Stowell said.

"Today we've had a complete wind-down. We've let the boys go sightseeing or whatever else they want to do.

"But tomorrow we get back to the business of preparing for the game against Guinea and every player knows he has to fight to get into the side.

"We really don't have a first XI. We are the only country to have used all 18 players and it's form on the training field that counts."

The Australians have proved the surprise of the tournament, the first FIFA-sanctioned competition to be held in the world's most populous country, and have captured the imagination of the Chinese fans.

Stowell said they had gone out of their

tomorrow night's match against Guinea, which qualified for the quarter-finals with a 3-0 win over Bolivia, will be the last of the tournament in Tianjin.

If Australia win through they will play their semi-final, likely to be against Hungary, in Shanghai on Friday.

Regardless of coming results, Stowell believes the team has done Australia proud.

"We were in the hardest group and we have won through and that has confirmed our tremendous reputation at youth level," he said.

"Whatever happens now we can come home with our heads held high."

Other quarter-finals are: China v West Germany (in Peking), Saudi Arabia v Brazil (in Dalian) and Hungary v Nigeria (in Shanghai).



Pictured here is the draw for the Under 16 World Kodak Cup. It was done in the presence of guests from all over the world.

The four groups for the Kodak Cup were drawn at the end of April in Zurich.

SUMMARY

THE Chinese press had a lot to say about the Australian win over Germany on Sunday night.

One newspaper said the Australians were lucky to beat Argentina 1-0, looked much better in beating Congo 2-1, and were brilliant in overpowering Germany 1-0.

The German member of the FIFA technical study group, Eheins Marotzke, who is in charge of playing arrangements here, said last night: "The Australian boys played brilliantly against Germany."

"They made the German boys look like children."

Marotzke was recently in Sydney lecturing on soccer.

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City
NICKNAME: 'Frank Forever'
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth caps, Australian international

FRANK FARINA has yet to assert himself in the Australian national squad and a huge yet enlightening disappointment has been his missing out on the last couple of Australian squads.

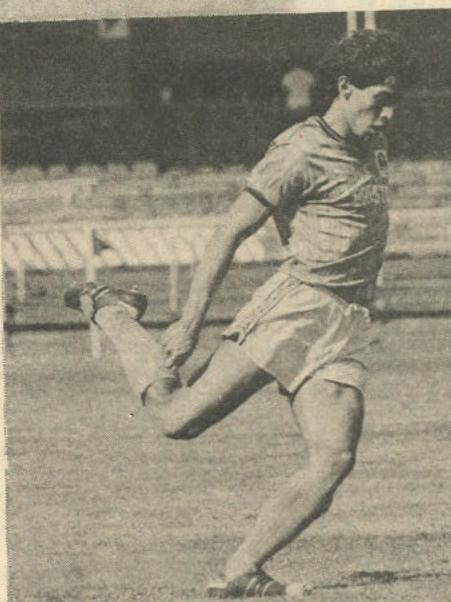
Admittedly injury has hindered his development greatly this season after 'promising' last year to be one of Australia's major attacking weapons.

Certainly he must not be written off...this would be ludicrous to say the least but Frank himself knows that to get back into the Australian team would mean 'cementing' a position in the Sydney City outfit first then attempting to overcome such strikers such as John Kosmina, Marshall Soper, Rod Brown, Graham Arnold, Jim Patikas and David Mitchell to break into the Australian side and this is on the assumption the brilliant Eddie Krnecic will not be available, if he is then Frank will be working overtime.

Many questioned Frank's decision at the start of the season to leave Canberra where he was more than idolised but he thought he had to make the move to gain more recognition and under the wing of the astute Eddie Thomson he is on a winner.

Frank is best remembered for some superb performances in the green and gold colours of Australia—one being in the 1983 World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico, especially his goal against the host nation Mexico in the opening match of the tournament.

He has also put in some scintillating efforts albeit sporadically for the national team and if he can find once again the kind of form he did against Juventus and Glasgow he could well be in Mexico again next year.



EAST-WEST AIRLINES' NATIONAL SOCCER CAMPS ON AGAIN NEXT JANUARY

THE University of New England has announced that Willie Wallace and Eric Worthington will return to Armidale next January to conduct their successful, annual East-West Airlines' National Soccer Camps.

"I am very proud of the 1500 young players and trainee coaches who have attended the East-West Airlines' National Soccer Camps," said Willie Wallace, one of Scotland's greatest players who featured in three Scottish World Squads and two European Cup Finals with Celtic, and who has played soccer in more than fifty countries.

"The University of New England's facilities for the camps equal the best I have seen around the world," he said "and to those facilities, Eric Worthington and I have been able to bring a specially selected coaching staff with extensive overseas experience."

"None of this would have been possible without the generous support of East-West Airlines and invaluable assistance from Adidas, the Commonwealth Bank, Dunlop, Elastoplast and Milo," said Camp Co-Director, Eric Worthington.



Les Scheinflug with Willie Wallace at New England.

Related topics such as the prevention and management of injuries are covered by experts flown in from all over Australia.

"At the Camps we place special emphasis on good

"In particular, we have appreciated the support of former National Team Coaches Les Scheinflug and Jimmy Shoulder.

"The youngsters have also gained much from former



LES SCHEINFLUG, coaching the kids.

Before moving to Australia to take up the position of National Coaching Director, Eric Worthington was a prominent figure in English soccer. He played professional English soccer for over a decade and was a senior lecturer at Loughborough College, one of Europe's most prestigious physical education institutions.

The East-West Airlines' National Soccer Camps cater for players aged from ten to eighteen years and for trainee coaches who can prepare for National Coaching Certificates.

Campers spend a week at the University of New England where they follow an intensive programme which starts each day before breakfast and does not finish until bed-time.

sportsmanship and self-discipline," said Eric Worthington.

The Camps cater for all levels of ability and there is a specialised course for young goalkeepers.

With assistance from East-West Airlines, a talent identification scheme provides scholarships within Australia and overseas.

"We have unearthed some very talented young players at the Camps," said Willie Wallace.

"We started the Camps, at the request of the University of New England, to do more for young players and coaches in country areas by exposing them to the best coaches available in Australia," he explained.

World Cup referee Tony Boskovic who makes the trip to Armidale each January to explain the laws and the spirit in which the game should be played.

"It is much to the credit of everyone involved," added Willie Wallace, "that within twelve months the Camps were attracting campers from all states in Australia and even from overseas."

"Several of our campers have gone on to play for National League Clubs, to attend the Australian Institute, or to join the Australian Youth Squad.

"We took the best ideas from Europe and South America and adapted them to suit the Australian scene, but now," said Wallace, "the wheel has gone full circle and



considerable interest in our Camps has been shown in North America and Europe."

Willie Wallace and Eric Worthington obviously enjoy what they are doing: "The Camps are very strenuous and serious but we also have a lot of fun, especially with the really young players. They seem to have unlimited energy," Willie Wallace said.

"We aim to provide a unique soccer experience which also makes an ideal Christmas holiday for any young soccer player or aspiring trainee coach."

Persons required more information about the Soccer Camps, or the Rugby Union, Rugby League and Elastoplast Sports Trainers Camps, should contact the East-West Airlines' National Soccer Camps at the University of New England.

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Willie Wallace is pictured here supervising the juggling skills of two budding youngsters.

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PREVIEW

AUSTRALIA's opponents in the Under-16 World Cup soccer quarter-finals were a mystery.

Nothing was known about the Guinea team and the Australian coaches did not have the opportunity to watch their matches on television in China.

Ian Brusasco, manager of Australia's team at the under 16 World Soccer Championship in China, is convinced his talented chargers will qualify for the semi-finals tonight.

Although Brusasco admits the Aussies know very little about Guinea, he has no fear about the outcome.

"Our kids are playing great football here — they have done everything so well in all matches," said Brusasco.

"Guinea beat Bolivia 3-0 and USA 1-0 but went down to China 3-1, so they must be respected, but Australia is the only team to get three wins in three qualifying games.

"It'll be sudden death for tonight's loser. That won't be Australia.

"I said before leaving Sydney we would win this world title and a lot of people laughed at me.

"It's not a joke any more."

The sell-out crowd of 25,000 applauded both teams off the pitch when the penalty shoot-out ended.

'A cruel way to be beaten,' team manager Ian Brusasco told the young Australians in the dressing room after the match.

'I am proud of you,' he said. 'You have been magnificent in the tournament.'



You can go home as great ambassadors for your country and as an unbeaten team except for penalty kicks.

'I think there should be a toss of a coin in such circumstances.'

Despite the loss, Australia's performance in the cup was still one of the best by an Australian team in an international tournament.

It equalled the effort of the Australian team in reaching the quarter-finals of the 1981 World Youth Cup.

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SOCER KIDS FALL AT SMALLEST HURDLE

AUSTRALIA's junior Socceroos were knocked out of the FIFA Under-16 World Cup in a penalty shoot-out after their quarter-final clash with Guinea had ended in a gruelling 0-0 draw.

Guinea reached the semi-finals when Australia missed two penalty kicks after being level at 2-2 in the shoot-out.

The sad ending to a great tournament was too much for some of the soccer kids who wept openly.

The Guinea players were very quick and repeatedly forced the young Socceroos into errors.

But having fought hard to earn a draw, the Australians then fell prey to a problem which has plagued them throughout the tournament — bad shooting.

Gareth Niven missed the third penalty shot and Craig Foster the fourth. Unfortunately for the Australians, the Africans took their penalties with aplomb.

Both sides were exhausted after 100 minutes of gruelling soccer in high humidity.

Two yellow cards were issued to Guinea players but the game was not every rough.

The Australians could not get their passing movements going but the speed of the Guinea players had a lot to do with this.



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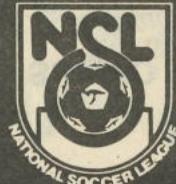
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CAPTAIN HOOKER!

ROBERT HOOKER was enjoying a quiet game of darts with his mates following an Institute of Sport training session when AIS and Young Socceroo coach Jimmy Shoulder approached him.

"Congratulations, you are the one who will be accepting the World Youth Championship Cup on behalf of Australia in Russia," Shoulder told the youngster.

"At first I didn't know what he was talking about" recalls Hooker.

"Then it registered — Jimmy was saying I'd been chosen to replace Andrew Bernal as skipper of the Young Socceroos.

"I was shocked and it took days for it all to really sink in."

"Now, some weeks later, it's a great honour although I must admit we are all a little nervous about Russia especially as the past record of the Young Socceroos has been so good and the Australian sporting public expects so much."

Hooker said as we talked at their training camp in Sydney last week.

"In the WYC you get only one chance — we'll all be too old next time."

The Australians are off tomorrow for a training camp and warm up games in Holland before flying to Minsk for the WYC opener against hosts Russia on August 24 — Canada (August 27) and Nigeria (August 29).

Should Australia qualify for the quarter finals they will play on September 1 with the semis on September 4 and the WYC final on September 7.

Hooker, like many, sees the opener against the Soviet Union in front of a capacity crowd, as a blessing for Australia.

"The Russians will be under enormous pressure to perform in front of their own crowd and that could well be to our advantage."

"Of course we'll miss Andrew Bernal but then none of us are indispensable in football."

"We have many good players and have had excellent preparation".

Australia's latest captain was born and bred in Sydney although he now resides at the superb new accommodation provided at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra where he is a student.

Born in Hornsby (his Mum is Italian born and his Dad Austrian born) Hooker played for Mt Colah in the Kur-ring-gai district from the age of 6.

Rep honours for Kur-ring-gai from under 13-under 15 years of age as well as NSW honours from under 12-16 followed, before joining Sydney City's Youth team and then the scholarship to the AIS.

With Bernal's withdrawal, Hooker not only takes over the captaincy but also Bernal's key position of sweeper.

"I played either full back or sweeper all my life so the "new position" doesn't really worry me."

Naturally the WYC and the new responsibility of captaincy consumes most of Hooker's thoughts at the moment.

After the WYC?
"Finish the year at the AIS, perhaps back to Sydney City with whom I'm contracted," says Hooker.

"Maybe after 12 months I'll try my luck overseas — but I'm keen on computers and I may well go into my family computer business."

In the meantime its Russia and the WYC for the likeable 18 year old skipper and we all hope more success for our youngsters in international competition.

Footnote: Australia's involvement will be televised live through the SBS network.
Saturday August 24 Australia v Russia
Tuesday August 27 Australia v Canada
Thursday August 29 Australia v Nigeria

COMMONWEALTH BANK FINALS DRAW

| FINAL 16 | QUARTER FINALS | SEMI | FINAL |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| WALLSEND | LISMORE 4-3* | | |
| LISMORE | EPPING 2-1 | EPPING | |
| EPPING | DUVAL 3-1 | | |
| RIVERSTONE | | | |
| WHITEBRIDGE | | | |
| DUVAL | | | |
| NORMANHURST | NORMANHURST 4-0 | NORMANHURST | |
| CANBOLAS | JAMES COOK 6-1 | JAMES COOK | |
| JAMES COOK | | | |
| LIVERPOOL | | | |
| CORRIMAL | WARRAWONG* | | |
| WARRANONG | BIRRONG 2-1 | | |
| BIRRONG | | | |
| KOORINGAL | | | |
| KOGARAH | KOGARAH 1-0 | | |
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No real individual stars are in this side and that is possibly one of their formula's to success.

EPPING BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Results:

Round 1 v Carlingford 2-0, 2 v Beacon Hill 3-0, 3 v Malvina 2-0, 4 v Marsden 1-1 (4-2 after penalties), 5 v Riverstone 2-1, Quarter Final v Lismore 1-0, Semi Final v Normanhurst 1-0.

BILL TURNER CUP FINAL 16

Orara 0, 2 pens
Tweed River 0, 1 pen
Glendale 3 Kopara 0.

Oxley 2, St Francis Newcastle 1, Fred Edwards Gosford 2, Kilnarney Heights 1.

Epping 2, Colyton 0.
Belmore 3, Marist Brs Auburn 1, Corrimal 0, 4 pens J.J. Cahill 0, 1 pen Canberra 3, Canobolas 0.

Quarter-Finals:
Glendale 1, Orara 0.
Oxley 3, St Edwards 0.

Belmore 1, Epping 0.
Canberra v Corrimal = tomorrow.



EPPING BOYS' HIGH 1ST GRADE SOCCER

BACK ROW: John Forrest, Stephen Cameron, Yong Dock Kim, Peter Gilles, Michael Pavela, Neil Harris, Paul Shelley.
FRONT ROW: Mr I. Dundon (Sports Master) Angus Williams, John Forrest, Todd Dewey, Graeme Dunn (capt), Jamie Smith, Gary Boyd, Mr G. Wing (coach).

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Australian Youth captain — Robert Hooker.

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BE AT THE ST GEORGE STADIUM FOR THE EPIC FINALE AT 7.30 ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
FOR EPPING (THE HOLDERS) v KOGARAH (THE CHALLENGERS)



BORN AND BIRTH-PLACE: 19th June 1957, Dundee, Scotland.

HEIGHT: 5'10".

MARRIED: Yes to Linda with children Craig 5 and Kylie 3.

OCCUPATION: Toolmaker.

PLAYING POSITION: Left-midfielder.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Dundee United, Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne Hellas.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: John Kosmina, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Kenny Dalglish.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne Croatia, Dundee United and Barcelona.

CAR: Kingswood.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "When I got a free-transfer from Dundee United."

"I realise now that I had never put in enough effort in those days to make it as a full-time player."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

"John Gardiner, the current coach of George Cross when he played with me at Melbourne Croatia."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Tennis and Golf.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: None.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: First and foremost, to go to Mexico with the Australian World Cup team in 1986.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: A mixture of everything, depending on my mood at the time.

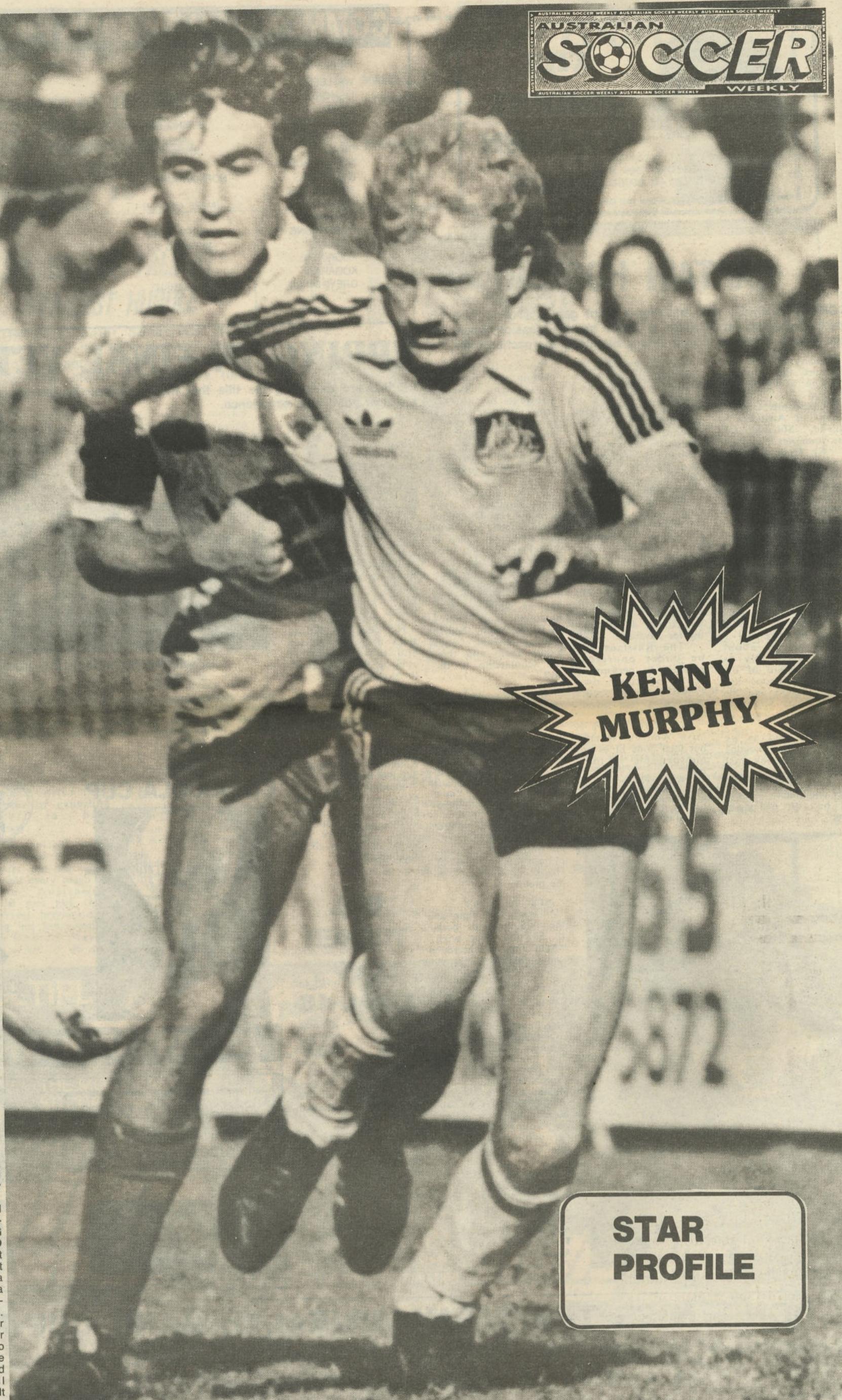
MAJOR INJURIES: None really.

BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.

BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: Terry Greedy.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: All of them. But New Zealand is about on par with Australia and they will give us a very hard match in Auckland in September.

We will be ready for them. And as for Israel, being close to Europe they will be very experienced opponents and will also make life difficult for us.



KENNY MURPHY

STAR PROFILE

SOCCEROO OPPONENTS



YUGOSLAV CHAMPION: 15 times
1951, 1952-53, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1958-59, 1959-60,
1963-64, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1972-73,
1976-77, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1983-84.

WINNER OF YUGOSLAV CUP: 11 times
1948, 1949, 1950, 1958, 1959, 1963-64, 1967-68,
1969-70, 1971-72, 1981-82, 1984-85.

YUGOSLAV SUPER-CHAMPION: Twice
1969, 1971.

WINNER OF THE YUGOSLAV CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Twice
1971, 1973.

WINNER OF THE YUGOSLAV FIRST DIVISION:
1972-73.

WINNER OF THE DANUBE CUP:
1958.

WINNER OF THE MITROPA CUP:
1968.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS WINNER:
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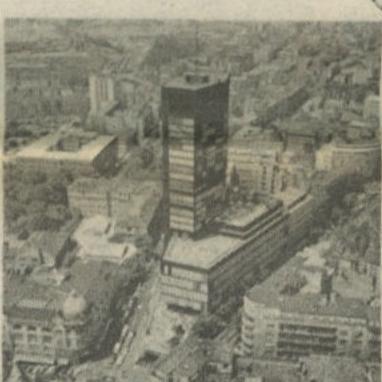
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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM

BACK ROW: Mirko Runje, John Gregson, Aki Kotzamichalis, Andrew Koczka, Mark Jones, John Panagis, Angelo Postekos.
Paul Jones, Warren Spink, Richard Bassingthwaite, Jim Shoulder — Team Coach, Brian Emery — Executive Director.

MIDDLE ROW: Dr Kananngara — Team Doctor, Henry Wajswelner — Physiotherapist, Alex Bundalo, Sean Ingham,
FRONT ROW: Michael McLennan, Peter Petkovski, David Sharpe, Robert Hooker, Chris Kalantzis, Louis Hristodoulou.

PLATINI: AN ASW EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

INTERVIEW BY ALBERTO COSTA,
EDITED BY FRANK COLETTA

PLATINI WILL DECIDE IN SEVEN MONTHS

Q: Michel how will Juventus perform next season?

A: Difficult to say. On paper we look a very good outfit. With all the good players Trapattoni has brought into the squad our tactical play may well improve, Juventus will not suffer a revolution type thing just because the staff has changed.

Q: What has Juventus lost with the departure of Marco Tardelli?

A: True grit and a lot of experience. His loss will probably be felt in the big matches in Europe more than anything.

Q: Then what effect will Paolo Rossi's move to Milan have?

A: Well for one thing we no longer have a goal-poacher as we did with Rossi in front of goal. Although we seem to have gained possibly more thrust up the middle with arrival of Serena. Admittedly they play entirely different.

Q: Your good friend Zibby Boniek has also left.

A: Yes, he was one player who was so adept to playing in Cup matches, a player who has a great turn of pace and was able to destroy any side that played defensively, especially against the off-side trap.

Q: With Serena, Laudrup, Briascchi and Pacione Juventus are certainly not short of strikers. It seems you might have to change your style of play?

A: No I don't think so. Trapattoni fortunately has always told me to play how I think is best. So I will see how these new fellows perform and I will adapt myself in the best way.



Q: What about your title of number one goalscorer. Would you like to finish on top for a fourth time?

A: If we are awarded 20 penalties I might win again!

Q: It seems that this Juventus may become one of the most attacking of all time, how do you like the thought?

A: Attacking soccer is not only one of scoring. In fact last season I thought our defense came forward as much as possible and we played it as far from our area as possible. What with all the great strikers in Italy now it is best to play as far from your goal as you can.

Q: Michel you are entering your fourth season with Juve, once it is over what then?



MICHEL PLATINI, is without doubt the number one footballer in the world at this time. In this interview he speaks openly and frankly on his future in the game and he also expresses his various thoughts on soccer in general.



A: Like all the Italian managers he is very well prepared but it is the players that go onto the field. He has won much because he is in charge of Juventus. Possibly if he was with another club he may have won nothing, well that's how I see it.

Q: Let's look at Roberto Falcao. After five years of success the Brazilian seems to be terribly worn out.

A: It is the normal thing. If you have a great name and reputation you start collecting the odd boot to the legs so you have to have great resilience in that respect but you can only take so much. I'm not only talking about Falcao but in general. A footballer you must remember is not like an artist that lasts until his 70's.

Q: Finally, do you think Verona can defend the title they won last season?

A: I'm not at all preoccupied with Bagnoli's team. He is a very good manager and he will take care of his side.



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1966 Strathfield

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1967 Booragal
1968 Newcastle Tech
1969 Booragal
1970 Berkely
1971 Meadowbank
1972 Newcastle Tech
1973 Newcastle Tech
1974 Wallsend
1975 Wallsend and Boroondara (shared)
1976 Bankstown
1977 Canterbury
1978 Normanhurst
1979 Normanhurst
1980 Woonona
1981 Keira
1982 Marsden
1983 Kogarah
1984 Epping



RIVERSTONE H.S. COMMONWEALTH CUP SQUAD

BACK ROW: C. Clark (Commonwealth Bank Manager Riverstone), Angelo Raguz, Gary Belcastro, Jock Boltjes, Peter Drummond, Andrew Bushby, Scott Beazley, Zendko Raguz, Ron Pratt (Coach).
FRONT ROW: Anthony Trimboli, Norm Beecroft, Darren Lewington (capt.), Craig Stickland, Peter Bushby, Mark Chidel, David Parkinson.

KNOX TOPS

KNOX Grammer School won the inaugural Independent Schools Soccer Cup last week when they defeated Waverley College 1-0 before a large crowd of vocal supporters at Lambert Park.

Waverley went into the final as favourites, having had an unbeaten record during the season. However, the pressure of Cup Final football proved to be a great leveler.

Waverley College progressed to the final with wins over Cranbrook, Sydney Grammar and St Aloysius. Knox had a first round bye before defeating Trinity Grammar in the second round and St Joseph's College in a semi-final.

Waverley looked impressive in the opening 15 minutes and dominated play. The Knox defence absorbed this early onslaught and shortly afterwards their midfielders Sam Kidman, Ben Milden and Antony Wilson gradually began to gain control. This provided more ball for the Knox forwards and it wasn't long before David Kennedy got in an excellent angled shot which was tipped

wide. Five minutes later Ben Milden just missed with a long range shot over the top of the bar and left winger Blake Myles sent the ball wide of the posts.

Waverley had an excellent chance to open the scoring six minutes before half time when their right winger, with only the goalie to beat, put the ball straight into the hands of keeper Stuart Elder.

Knox started the second half in a confident mood with the back four, Michael King, Martin Shaw, Greg Gaupset and Brett Dickson continually turning defence into attack when the situation looked threatening.

The turning point in the game came fifteen minutes into the second half. A clearing kick found Lachlan Tait unmarked on the right wing just over the half-way line. In a swerving 40 metre

run he beat three defenders before slotting the ball into the left hand corner.

With the Cup firmly in their sights, the Knox showed even more determination in pressuring the opposition and controlling the ball. Despite one anxious moment when a Waverley shot went across the goal mouth, the Knox team did not allow the opposition back into the game.

When the final whistle sounded the Knox supporters streamed into the field to acclaim the team members and witness the Cup presentation.

All the Knox team performed well on the night and it would be unfair to single out any player for particular mention.

For coaches Norrie Cannon and Robert Wheatley the victory was a fitting reward for their efforts during the year and a fine finish to the soccer season.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP FINAL

WINNER OF:
EPPING

JAMES COOK v KOGARAH

(Semi Final at St George Stadium 6pm
Friday August 9)

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Knox skipper being presented with the ISS Cup.



Angelo Raguz equalising for Riverstone H.S. from a corner kick against Epping in the finals play-off.

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 1983 v England, Sydney 0-0
 1983 v England, Brisbane 0-1
 1983 v England, Melbourne 1-1
 1983 v China (Merlion Cup) 1-2
 1983 v Thailand (Merlion Cup) 2-0
 1983 v South Korea (Merlion Cup) 3-1
 1983 v Singapore (Merlion Cup) 4-2
 1984 v Manchester United, Sydney 0-0
 1984 v Notts Forest, Adelaide 1-1
 1984 v Glasgow Rangers, Sydney 3-2
 1984 v Notts Forest, Brisbane 2-2
 1984 v Juventus, Melbourne 1-1
 1984 v Juventus, Adelaide 2-4
 1984 v Juventus, Sydney 2-0
 1984 v Iraklis, Sydney 2-0
 1984 v Iraklis, Adelaide 1-3
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 1984 v Shanghai, Shanghai 2-0
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 1984 v Manchester City, Manchester 3-1
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 1984 v PSV Eindhoven, Eindhoven 0-2
 1984 v Aston Villa, Birmingham 0-2
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 1985 v Red Star, Sydney 4-1
 1985 v Red Star, Melbourne
 1985 v Red Star, Adelaide



SYDNEY CROATIA'S - YOUTH SCHEME DEVELOPMENT

THE Sydney Croatia Soccer Club, which recently announced that their National League Squad will go full time in 1986 (at present 7 players are full time), has released details of their Super Youth Development Scheme exclusively to the Australian Soccer Weekly.

The scheme has the full back of the senior club, with President Tony Basic and Secretary Mario Devic heavily involved in the initial negotiations.

Sydney Croatia has already secured the services of a young man with promotional and organisational ability in Robert Wozniak.

Robert, has been active in the administration of various metropolitan clubs, including Chullora Wolves, Auburn and the Bankstown Association.

He has served with great distinction in various positions from President to Public Relations as well as organising many coaching clinics, trials and promotional ventures.

A highlight of his career was the co-ordination of an 11 month fund raising drive to raise \$50,000 to send an Auburn S.C. Youth Squad on a tour of England in January 1984. He lead this tour squad to an undefeated six match record against various representative teams including a 2-1 victory over the England P.G.L. U/14 squad.

The Auburn tour party received much praise from the leading clubs in England for their professional attitude, proving to be great ambassadors for Australia.

Wozniak's aim as Youth Co-ordinator for the Sydney Croatia Soccer Club is to set up a Youth Development Scheme which will have the stability to produce future National League players of top quality for many years to come.

To achieve this his first two steps are to secure the services of the best available administrators and Youth Coaches in the game.

This where Sydney Croatia can be pleased with the success of appointing Maurice Gili, a brilliant and thorough organiser and promoter of the game, as Youth Secretary.

Maurice has been involved in the game for many years having played for Melita Eagles as well as setting up their Youth System in 1984. He also held the position of secretary for a number of years with the Crest of Bankstown Soccer Club.

Mr Gili has also served on the Management Committee of the Bankstown Association as well as introducing soccer to the following schools:

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Balmain; De La Sal College — Revesby; Christian Brothers High — Lewisham; and Fairfield Patrician Brothers (which now has 24 teams entered in the Southern Districts Association).

Maurice also holds various coaching Certificates including the Preliminary, Bridging and Senior Certificates.

In working hours he is a teacher and Sports Master of Fairfield Patrician Brothers, which is renowned for its success at sport. This year he also co-ordinated such events as the Metropolitan Catholic School Championships (5th year) and the Bill Tur-

ner Cup, and there is no doubt that a man of his achievements and ability would be an asset to any organisation.

Together Robert and Maurice form a formidable team which has already begun negotiations with well known administrators.

Applications are now being accepted for highly paid coaching positions for teams U/11 to U/17 inclusive, goalkeeper coach, physio/trainer as well as Administrators wishing to join a forward thinking and active committee.

All written applications, stating experience and qualifications should be forwarded to: THE SECRETARY, CROATIA YOUTH, 39 Jacaranda Drive, GEORGES HALL, 2198. Before the 31st August 1985 (Enquiries 727 0748, 642 5471).

These applications will not only be considered for the 1986 season but for future seasons. Unsuccessful applicants for 1986 positions will be noted by the Youth Development Committee when they seek more people to join Sydney Croatia in the near future.

A press function will be held in September when full details of the scheme will be released. Some brief points that will be a

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER'S SCHEDULE

August 24-Sept. 7 WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP — SOVIET UNION
 August 24 (Saturday) AUSTRALIA v SOVIET UNION — Dinamo Minsk Stadium, Minsk (World Youth Championship opening match)
 August 27 (Tuesday) AUSTRALIA v CANADA — Dinamo Minsk Stadium, Minsk
 August 29 (Thursday) AUSTRALIA v NIGERIA — Tractor Minsk Stadium, Minsk
 Should Australia finish in the top two places in this group it will qualify for the quarter finals (played Sunday, September 1) the semis (Wednesday, September 4) with the final on Saturday, September 7.

WORLD CUP ELIMINATION MATCHES & ANNUAL AMPOL CUP

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Saturday, Sept. 21 | NEW ZEALAND — Auckland |
| Tuesday, Sept. 24 | SOCCEROOS v CHINA PR — Friendly International, Newcastle |
| Friday, Sept. 27 | SOCCEROOS v CHINA PR — Friendly International, Canberra |
| Sunday, Sept. 29 | SOCCEROOS v CHINA PR for THE AMPOL CUP — Brisbane |
| Tuesday, Oct. 8 | ISRAEL — Tel Aviv |
| Sunday, Oct. 20 | ISRAEL — Melbourne |
| Wednesday, Oct. 23 | CHINESE TAIPEI — Adelaide |
| Sunday, Oct. 27 | CHINESE TAIPEI — Hobart |
| Sunday, Nov. 3 | NEW ZEALAND — Sydney |
| Sunday, Nov. 10 | NEW ZEALAND v ISRAEL (Auckland) |

Should the Socceroos win the Oceania group the dates for the World Cup deciding matches against either Spain, Wales or Scotland will be:

Wednesday, Nov. 20 Oceania Winner v European opponent in Europe
 Wednesday, Dec. 4 Oceania Winner v European opponent at home



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QUEENSLAND VIEW



ARTIFICIAL PERRY?

PERRY PARK, Queensland soccer's headquarters, could become Australia's first artificial soccer pitch.

Queensland soccer officials are considering installing the plastic grass as one of the options for the not-so-distant future development of the central Brisbane complex.

Although artificial surfaces exist in other states, all have been built primarily for hockey. Hockey, which does not have an artificial surface in Queensland almost certainly would be involved in the development at Perry Park, but the pitch would primarily be put down for the use of soccer.

Queensland Soccer Federation president Ald. Ian Brusasco revealed the revolutionary plan last week but added that although very preliminary quotes had been obtained, the matter had yet to be discussed in detail by the Perry Park Trust — the body which runs Queensland soccer headquarters.

It is understood the

installation of an artificial surface would cost well in excess of \$500,000.

But by this time next year, Queensland soccer will have wiped the bank overdraft on million dollar Perry Park complex and will be in a financially sound position to develop.

"There's a lot of maintenance to be done, but an artificial surface is definitely one of the options," Brusasco said.

"But very shortly the Trust will have to sit down and make firm decisions as to which way they want to go."

If the Trust gave the idea the nod, it would take only three months to install the new pitch. But the QSF must play its cards very carefully for the time being in the light of Brisbane's bid to stage the 1992 Olympics.

Should Brisbane miss out, the QSF Trust decide to go it alone on the project, a plastic pitch could be installed in time for the start of the 1987 season.

faces for the Olympic hockey will have to be installed. Rugby League headquarters Lang Park already has been earmarked for the soccer, but Perry Park would make an ideal centre for the hockey.

"Perry Park is one of the grounds the Council will have to look at to develop," said Brusasco, himself a Council alderman — but after the recent election, now on the opposition benches.

With the Olympic bid in mind, decisions on Perry Park development could be delayed until after October next year, when the International Olympic Committee will announce the venue for the 1992 Olympics.

Should Brisbane miss out, the QSF Trust decide to go it alone on the project, a plastic pitch could be installed in time for the start of the 1987 season.

AMPOL CUP FINAL

DEFENDING Cup holders North Star and Croatian-supported club, Sunnyside United, will meet in the final of Queensland's Ampol Cup knockout competition at Perry Park on August 25.

The two clubs qualified for the final after a thrilling semi-final series watched by a packed house at Perry Park last week.

North Star, who beat Ipswich United 1-0 in their semi-final, are now rated favourites to retain the trophy. That is a turnaround from last year where the Premier League side were rank outsiders to win the knockout Cup against Lions.

But a David Currie goal in the dying minutes last year gave North Star the Cup for the first time in the club's history. And ironically it was Currie who scored Stars' winner against Ipswich United in this year's semi-final.

But the scoreline belied North Star's dominance throughout the game and their will to qualify for the final was much more evident than that of Ipswich United.

Stars are hoping to become only the third club to retain the trophy in its 26 year history. Only Brisbane City and Hellenic have won the Cup twice or more in a row.

Ipswich's defeat ended the club's hopes of winning Queensland soccer's much sought after treble — the Cup and the Premier League premiership grand final.

Ipswich United coach Matt Carson achieved the treble in 1978 with Southside Eagles and his side

this year looked in the perfect position to make a clean sweep.

"No-one played to his ability," Carson lamented after the Cup semi-final loss.

But in a twist most seemed to overlook, in reaching the Cup final, North Star are now in line for the treble, although it would take a major effort for them to win the League.

But they also have to win the Cup yet and Intermediate League side Sunnyside are certain to be a motivated outfit.

Sunnyside reached the final when they beat country team Bundaberg 1-0 in the other semi-final which was a traditional clash of the minnows.

It was Marcello "Ringo" Mejais who cracked in a corner to end the hopes of Bundaberg, who had brought three coach loads of supporters to Rum City.

The victory was a pleasant reward for Sunnyside coach Tony Lowndes, who was axed as Brisbane City National League coach earlier this year.

Lowndes, who has been at a strong of clubs in Brisbane, is now hoping to settle at Sunnyside and has asked for a three year contract — something the club could consider on the eve of the Cup final.

STICKING NECK OUT

A \$5000 gamble by Brisbane Premier League club Olympic United to avoid relegation may backfire.

That is the amount the club paid to bring Greek Second Division player John Engelezos to Brisbane for the remainder of the season.

The club had hoped the full-back from Rhodes could be converted to a striker and would bring the side results to drag it away from the bottom of the table.

And although Engelezos' presence has doubled Olympic's gates and ensured massive turnouts for a number of social functions, Olympic are still three points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Worse still, Engelezos looks completely lost anyway away from his favourite left-back position. The Greek has some excellent touches and control but he is at his best coming forward from deep positions.

Twice Olympic coach Grahame McMillan has tried the Greek on the left wing and each time he had to switch him back into midfield or defence later in the game.

Olympic are locked in a fight against relegation with Acacia Ridge, but in recent weeks the Ridge has gained an upper hand.

Olympic seemed in

a strong position a month ago when they soundly outplayed the Ridge at Proud Field 2-0 and draw level on points at the bottom of the table.

But since that humiliating loss, the Ridge has won two on the trot against formidable opposition — Grange Thistle and Coalstars — and now is only a point away from putting another team between itself and Olympic.

Only one team is relegated out of the Premier League. There are six fixtures remaining.

Olympic this weekend are away to Thistle and could be hard pressed to pick up more than a point. The Ridge too have a difficult task away to Easts and might find it tough to continue their recent revival.

Other fixtures this weekend include the clash between league leaders, Lions and Ipswich United. In recent weeks Lions lead at the top of the table has been cut from five points to one and Ipswich, who started the season dreadfully, could leapfrog into first place with a win.

Mount Gravatt, who for the title are at home to North Star while Coalstars meet Taringa in the other fixture of the round.

OUT FOR SEASON

BRISBANE LIONS midfielder Mick Tonner has missed a chance to make a name for himself in the National League — and has rocked the club's chances of winning the Queensland Premier League title.

Tonner, 23, has been ruled out for the remainder of the season with a back injury.

It appears the hard-working midfielder has injured a vertebrae and could require an operation.

Tonner, who earlier this year won the title of Queensland's four-code football ironman in a tough contest run by a city disco, first injured his back in a brusing Ampol Cup encounter against Bundaberg several months ago.

He was sidelined for three weeks but appeared to be over the injury when he aggravated it again during training last week.

The former Townsville United player who has already made two NSL appearances this season, was seen as the likely replacement in the National League team when Young Socceroo Richard Basingtonhwaite left for Russia in a week's time.

"I knew Richard was going away to Russia and I was aiming to

take his spot when he left. Now I will have to wait for my chance next year," Tonner said.

Lions NSL coach Gordon Arrowsmith will be able to cover any gaps in his team by dropping captain John Stewart back from the forwards, but Tonner's absence will leave a gaint hole in the Premier League team and no doubt cause a massive headache for coach Paul Laslo.

Lions have led the Premier League all year, but after a string of falters in recent weeks, the pressure is now on the side to reassert its dominance through to the end of the season.

Despite the requirements of the National League side, Laslo has some talented players on which to call and it could be former NSL midfielder Paul Burns who could fill the gap left by Tonner.

Burns, 24, who was a key player in the Lions NSL team during

Joe Gilroy's reign, has battled a series of knee injuries in recent seasons. But the brilliant youngster has seen through two operations and is fighting back again.

The Lions Premier squad also contains talented players like keeper Brett Beves, defender Norm Bell, midfielder Richard Van Wyn and strikers Mike Mulvey and Steve Fulton. And the side has players of NSL calibre like Calvin Daunt, Tony Redmond, Joe Cairney, Jim McDonagh and Bob McSkimming.

Lions renew their League challenge when they play a local derby against relegation battlers Acacia Ridge on Saturday.

Other fixtures this weekend season the traditional clash between Grange Thistle and Mount Gravatt, Taringa host Easts, North Star visit Cup semi-final opponents Ipswich United while relegation favourites Olympic are at home to Coalstars.



High flying Calvin Daunt

MT GRAVATT INJURIES MOUNTING

FATE is working against Queensland Premier League club Mount Gravatt retaining its premiership title.

Earlier in the season, the Hawks were languishing at the bottom of the table as seven first team players were on the sidelines injured. But the club fought back and has worked its way into third place.

Bad luck has hit the club again and coach Eric Thompson has seen two of his key defenders carried off on a stretcher in the past two games.

A fortnight ago, Mount Gravatt lost club captain and brilliant central defender Noel "Chooky" Davis with a broken leg.

And last week tough, young full-back Mark Hairsine was carried off with a badly injured ankle, a recurrence of a injury which kept him on the sidelines for more than a month earlier in the season.

"We just can't seem to take a trick," Thompson lamented.

Mount Gravatt clashed with rivals Grange Thistle last

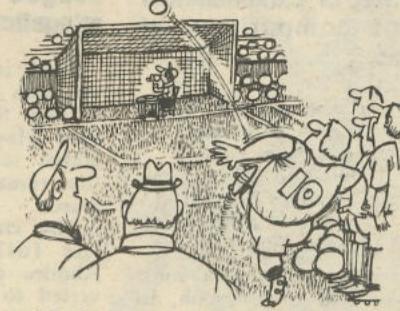
weekend and this Sunday meet the ever-tough Ipswich United. After that, they have an easier run into the finals than their competitors.

"After this weekend's result we will know where we stand as far as retaining the title is concerned. If we can win this weekend I think there is enough club spirit for us to stage a strong run home," Thompson said.

But it is going to be tough for any side to make sure it features in the semi-finals. The table is as packed as ever with even so-called struggling sides Taringa and Coalstars not out of contention.

This weekend's ties though could begin to sort things out. Apart from the Mount Gravatt-Ipswich clash which looms as the match of the round, there is plenty of interest in the other games which have the potential for a couple of teams to open up a break.

"From now on you'll have to get someone else to keep picking the ball out of the net."



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"What a time to get cramp."



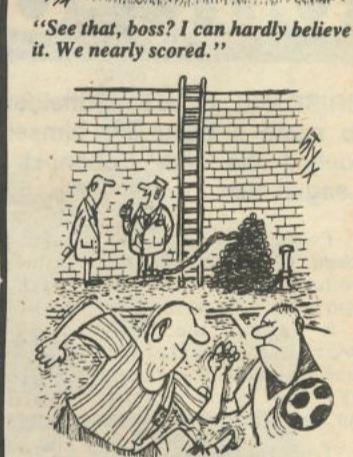
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"And how do you feel after watching your side lose 10-0 in the Cup?"



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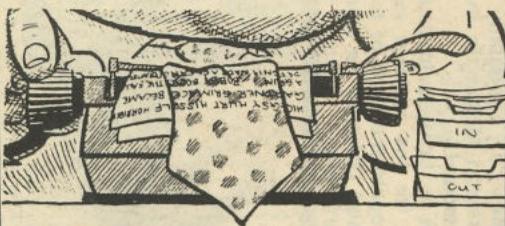
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IN REPLY

Dear Sir,
IN reply to "R.G." of Horsley Park, I can't see he has anything to complain about. I feel that the NSW Soccer Federation made the correct decision.

R.G.'s Club does not deserve to be in the State League if it cannot field a team in 3rd grade without taking obviously better players from 2nd Grade.

R.G. states "The ASF (meaning NSW Soccer Federation) in their haste to play a wash-out game arranged the games so that the third grade fixture would be played the day after the second grade (uncharacteristically) . . ." I think he should check his facts, it is up to the home team to rearrange postponed games.

As far as being "The Meat in the Sandwich," R.G.'s club wouldn't be worth the crumbs in the sandwich.

Kenny Sansom,
Manly, NSW

ED - Strong stuff indeed — there seems to be a bit of feeling here. As for 'R.G.'s club not deserving to be in the State League — I feel you are taking it a little too far. For as the circumstances stand, this particular club is not the only one unable to field a 3rd Grade side.

'THERE'S ONLY, ONE NSL . . .

Dear Sir,
I wholeheartedly agree with Les Scheinflug's view that we should have ONE only NSL in eastern Australia.

The overall standard of play, referees, match promotions etc. has fallen alarmingly.

This of course is counter-productive towards the clubs that spend big money on players, spectators accommodation and general presentation of the game.

It also does much for the lower clubs that tend in vain to stay with the top boys.

The NSL management must attend to this problem immediately or perish.

Selection of the 12 proposed 'elite' clubs should be on FOUR major formats.

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The obvious aim should be to achieve a full professional status of players and officials.

Although this may seem a very ambitious step it is quite reachable.

Presentation and playing standards could be balanced by injecting one or two overseas players per team to provide the stimulant of attracting spectators.

The league could be instituted by selecting suitable teams as follows:

- 4 — NSW
- 4 — Victoria
- 1 — ACT
- 1 — Qld
- 1 — S.A.
- 1 — Tasmania

Allowing for 15 players per side the top 180 players in Australia should emerge.

Assuring the players were paid an average of \$300 p.w. over say 36 weeks (9 months) the overall wage bill would be:

$300 \times 36 \times 180 = \$1,944,000$ divided by 12 clubs = \$162,000 per club.

By adding another \$88,000 per club for other expenses all clubs should be able to operate an \$250,000 p.a. budget.

With a 12 team NSL it would mean playing say 3 round (33 games)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g.: } & \$250,000 \div 33 \\ & = \$7,575 \text{ per gate} \\ & = 1515 \text{ spectators @ } \$5. \end{aligned}$$

Quite a reasonable attendance on average.

The problem of course is to convince the eliminated clubs to return to their respective state competitions. "Survival of the fittest" should be the driving force required to bring about a revival that is not only necessary but is most vital if the National Soccer League is to survive.

**Dr John Frank,
Sydney, NSW**

ED - Some interesting thoughts Doc! Albeit a little harsh on the poor and lowly clubs.

On paper it looks a real winner but in practice who knows?

Of course the ASF and NSL should take note of any viable suggestions from anyone but honestly I think going back to the State League system, might be on the cards in the near future — but I, like you, would rather a strong NSL but not as stringent.

DELIGHT AND DISAPPOINTMENT

Dear Sir,

AS an avid reader of ASW I am delighted to be able to obtain it on Mondays and now with increased number of pages I gladly spend my money on it, it is definitely number one and is prospering.

However on occasions ASW is critical of referees stopping a game too frequently for foul or obstructive play and so unwittingly pressuring them to allow rough play to get rougher and rougher so, that we now have some soccer matches as ugly as Rugby or worse and not only at NSL level but also at junior level as well.

With such priority given to develop rough play, our soccer can never hope to develop the technical and skillful football it should be. Simply all skillful players will be destroyed and 'rough guts' only will survive whom nobody wants to watch any way.

Sydney City, a team with a dismal disciplinary record whose outrageously rough play has been tolerated by the referees for some reason, are being glorified by the media. It is hard to understand why a team with so much talent would resort to such play. In the game against Saint George the whole team should have been sent off the field for atrocious misbehaviour, inciting spectators rude gesturing and particularly rough play. This was not soccer, but a disgraceful display.

I promised myself never to watch them again. But Sydney Croatia play delightful football that is a pleasure to watch, I went along once again, to my big disappointment. While Croatia tried to play the kind of football that thousands of people follow that team around to watch, and delight in, they were booted, elbowed, intimidated and roughed out of the game with a Rugby type of football, if Croatia responded in the same way as St

George did we could have had a riot I feel sure.

And yet ASW with outrageous headlines the following day congratulated Eddie Thomson on educating his team. These very tactics have provoked Sydney Olympic supporters to riot. Although on one can condone rioters, City who caused it, got away with it yet again. They should have been expelled from the NSL after yet another rough display against Marconi, but nothing happened.

Referees, ASF and NSL officials, must as a matter of utmost urgency, get together and solve the problem before the next season starts or sooner.

If we cannot stamp out rough play not only shall we never develop technical and skillful soccer in this land, but soon there will be no one left interested enough to go to watch it.

Perhaps I am using much too strong words. However after recent events, no words are too strong if honest and correct, and no action by the responsible officials is too harsh if aimed in the right direction.

Mr Editor, ASW is in position to do something positive about it. PLEASE help this beautiful game!

**BILL LOKMER,
PENSHURST, NSW.**

ED - You've certainly drafted a stern letter. No one disputes Sydney City are a physical side, but the fact is, they are a dominant side who use to coin a rival codes' phrase 'the softening up period' — the first 20 minutes or so to push aside their opposition. Let it be said — they are a fine outfit full of class players, namely Kosmina, Robertson, Watson, Lee and Farina and would not have succeeded in the abominable fashion in which they have — if they were not a top-class team — as for their coach Eddie Thomson . . . he is without doubt one of the best if not the best in the business.

As for your claim that they incited the riot at Pratten Park, all I can say is you must kidding!

ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Dear Sir,

I WITNESSED the Blacktown City v Croatia game a fortnight ago and came away astonished at the one way error list of the referee against Blacktown.

The worst such incident occurred with Croatia leading 1-0 and a good battle going on, when Paul Daley brought Patikas down outside the box by a good yard. A penalty was given and the game was effectively over. (TV SBS shows the "error" quite clearly).

A penalty taken by Phil O'Connor was saved by Steve Watson. Once again the ref did not notice Watson had clearly moved before the kick was taken. Another "error"?

Barry Hoare collected a cross in the first half, stood his ground and was then pushed over the goal line, an obvious free kick to Blacktown this time a corner was given to Croatia.

The list goes on. Not for one moment do I dispute Croatia's victory, they were the better team. However it is obvious that the large local support of certain teams do give them a head start under certain referees.

**Ron Sincki,
Wentworthville, NSW**

ED - If that is so — why don't Blacktown get a large number of supporters to 'turn' the ref? No, seriously the standard of refereeing in Australia at the moment is poor to say the least but a ref's lot is not a happy one and if you choose to believe it or not — they are human!

OVERSEAS SOCCER TEAM

Sir,

I HAVE a letter received from a West Berlin/West Germany, Soccer Club who wishes to visit Australia around December 29th till January 3rd 1986.

The letter in short gives details about the Club's standing like situated in the north of Berlin, 3000 members, playing in the Berlin premier division — below German National League — and been travelling for years overseas.

They are looking for a game in Sydney or surrounding while in Australia. Would you please check your possibilities of entertaining the visitors or spread the word around with others perhaps interested and advise me at above address or direct contact for further details.

**Otto Bader,
Warilla, NSW**

ED - Could be some very competition for any of our budding rep teams.

SOCCERS' 'ROUGH HOUSE'

Dear Sir,

HAVING been a soccer fan since arriving in Australia in 1959, I felt compelled to write regarding the violent clash between Sydney City and Sydney Olympic.

Last year I lost interest in soccer due to the over physical style of play being encouraged by Sydney City's coach Eddie Thomson. He is the person I feel who is to blame for the new wave of "win at any cost" tactics which is now causing soccer to look like a cross between League and Aussie rules, it has lost the style and skill, which used to attract so many people.

When our young soccer team returned from Mexico, Les Scheinflug, who was the coach stated that our style of soccer should be more polished no one listened. This year "Soccer Weekly" writer Mike Johnston wrote that soccer was too physical and rough and that something should be done to change it, but again nothing has happened.

Just recently Eddie Krnecic on his return from Europe after only two years there said our game here is too physical, but once again no one listened.

I say bring back style and skill and more people would attend, we don't want to pay to see seven players booked in one game, which happened last week.

Last year Sydney City was continually involved with "rough" play. I ask why?

**M. Dragosetti,
Blacktown, NSW.**

ED - Agreed football (or soccer as it is wantonly called) the world over has become very physical but it is and always will be ludicrous to label anyone person or team for so-called 'roughness'.

As for bringing back style and skill — there is no argument from these quarters. Just a suggestion that it may be a fruitless plea as the game is now played at express speeds and leaves little or no chance for players to 'express' their class.

The simple fact, as you have stated is that the game has become a 'win at all costs' obsession.

Winning is the objective and it is fine as long as teams go about with class and style — not making the greatest ball game on earth suffer.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

CCRINGILA reversed the decision when they played Warilla Wanderers in the replay of their Premier League match at Crehan Park.

Warilla won the original encounter 1-0 but the ISA ordered a replay because Warilla had used an ineligible player in Mirko Sola.

They ruled Sola couldn't play for Warilla because he owed \$30 to the association—the fine for being sent off while playing for his previous team South Coast Croatia.

The replay result was vital to both sides as Cringila are vying for second place while Warilla needed a win to gain ground on their rivals for a semi-final place.

No—Sola wasn't allowed to take the field for the replay.

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Gallant second division side Picton Rangers have finally bowed out of the Bampton Cup, but only just.

They met Premier league Fernhill in a semi-final and held them to 1-1 after extra time only to lose 4-3 on penalties.

Coached by former Corrimal and Safeway striker Greg Goodfellow, Picton turned in a fighting performance and could easily have made it in to the final against Warilla.

Fernhill and Warilla will now go for the \$1500 first prizemoney when they clash at King Mickey Park on September 4.

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Wollongong Macedonia suffered their first defeat of the season when they went down 3-1 at home to Campbelltown.

Watching the Campbelltown team in action it seemed strange they haven't had more success this year.

They look a very well organised outfit with a midfield which never stops tackling and at times is very creative.

As for Macedonia, coach John Bingham said they were a big disappointment.

After looking at the second-half statistics Bingham was even more disappointed as his players failed to get one shot on target in the 45 minutes and couldn't even force a corner in that time.

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Aris players will be keeping their fingers crossed Fernhill don't make the Premier league semi-finals.

Aris have lost only two games this season—both to Fernhill.

After losing their second-round clash 2-0, Aris coach Bob Fryer said he doesn't think his players have a complex about Fernhill.

"They just played well and my blokes couldn't get their act together but I won't be worried if we have to play them in the semi-finals," Fryer said.

Fernhill have been a constant worry to coach Gerry Walker this season, winning impressively one week only to turn in a shocker a week later.

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Cringila will be without winger Robbie Davis for the rest of the season after a dispute at training with coach Darryl Glover.

Glover said he sent Davis home from training when he refused to follow instructions.

"I told him to leave and as he left the ground he told committee members he wouldn't be coming back," Glover said.

"If that is his attitude he is better off staying away because we have good team spirit at the moment and I want things to stay that way."

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EDDIE THOMSON is constantly criticised for his team's physical play.

When he was asked last week in Adelaide how he kept winning when so many of his players are shown the red card, Thomson quick as a flash exclaimed, "At training when we play matches I ONLY PLAY WITH 10 MEN".



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ON THE GRAPEVINE WITH TOM MCKAIN

WEST AD TO MULTIPLY!

WEST ADELAIDE is embarking on its most ambitious signing program since it entered the National Soccer League.

Socceroo strikers John Kosmina and David Mitchell are its latest targets.

Previously contact had been made with former West defender Robbie Dunn and Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson.

West president, Mr Frank Karagiannis, refused to comment on the moves.

"We are trying to sign certain players, but I won't name them at this stage," he said.

However, Dunn, Mitchell and Kosmina confirmed there had been verbal offers.

While West may succeed with the others, it is doubtful if they will secure Kosmina.

"I have another year of my contract to run with Sydney City for starters," said Kosmina.

"My wife has a business here, I have a top job and we have a lovely home."

"It would have to be something really special to tempt me back to Adelaide."

Mitchell said he had spoken to West but made it clear that a first refusal was with Adelaide City.

"They wanted to sign me this year and I would have rejoined them but for my groin injury," he said.

"I promised them I would sign if the terms were right when I left Rangers, but there was no use doing when they were heading out of the top five and I had to rest."

"I needed games to get back in the Australian World Cup squad."

"If we make it to Mexico I will stay in Australia and must give City first go."

Dunn, who was with West before joining Preston two years ago, said he always preferred Adelaide to Melbourne as a city.

"Preston have been good to me, and by joining them I got a chance in the Socceroo squad, and that is one of my main goals at the moment, he said."

"But if West get the players they say they are after I would be keen to return to SA."

"In the right team I would have a good chance of holding my place in the Australian squad."

It is understood

Stevenson is keen to move to Adelaide, or at least get away from Melbourne, and coach Neil McGachey has spoken to him.

McGachey is due to take off for the UK at the end of the month armed with names from Adelaide City's

Scottish import Colin McAdam, Tottenham manager Peter Reeves and he has also contacted the Scottish Players' Union.

There is a chance McAdam could finish up at West if he does not reach terms with City on a long-term contract.

At the moment he is contracted to November.



John Kosmina on the ball.

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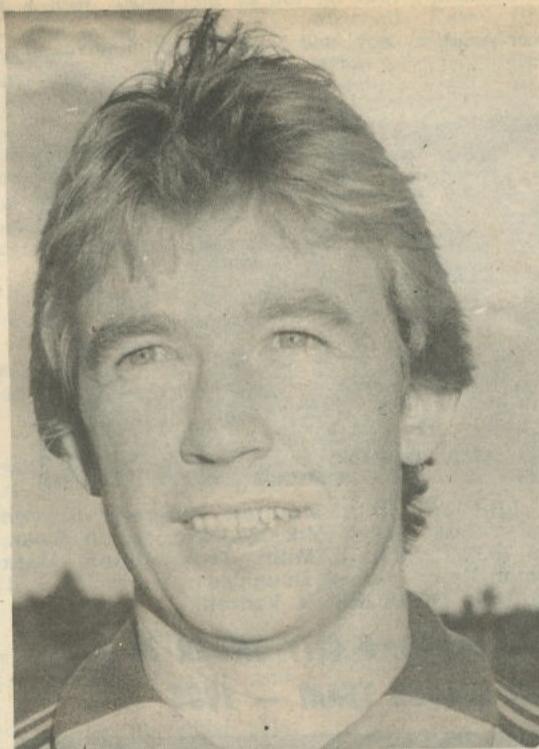
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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

REVESBY GET THEIR MERC!

As predicted in ASW a fortnight ago, Revesby Workers have secured a sponsorship most National League clubs would envy.

Mercedes Benz Australia has decided to sponsor Revesby's U/10's — 1 side who were recently crowned Champion of Champions.

In fact, of the total 23 teams from the Revesby club — no less than 19 made their respective semi-finals.

It has been a big year for the Workers!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME

WULGURU — The name is derived from Wulgurukaba, the name of a aboriginal tribe that once occupied the Townsville area.

STUART — One of the surveyors who surveyed portion of Townsville — Charters Towers railway line was a man called Stuart.

CLUDEN — There are two suggested origins for this name:

(1) James Gordon, an early magistrate and custom's official had horse paddocks here which he named after his village in Scotland.

(2) It is said to have been named after Cluden Park — a famous horse breeding establishment in Great Britain.

The Club was first started in November 1967. Our Club colours are Forest Green shorts with the same colour shirts with a red and white diagonal stripe across the front of the shirt. Green sox with red top. Our Club insignia is the 'Battling Bantams'. We have our own Club rooms and we have 14 Juniors

(boys and girls) 2 Seniors and 1 Ladies team.

Our Senior men are looking very strong this year and will be going up to First Division next year. Hopefully this will bring more Juniors to our ranks as well.

If you are ever in our neighbourhood please call in and say 'Hello'.

WE WANT YOUR JUNIOR NEWS!

Post stories and/or photos to ASW, PO Box 406, Broadway, NSW 2007



NORTH SYDNEY

Warren Crickmore Umina High School, David Mangan Woy Woy High School, Derek Caisley Henry Kendall High School, Brent Caisley Henry Kendall High School, Evan Williams Turramurra High School, Jamie Smith Epping Boys' High School, Scott O'Donnell Marsden High School, Tom Mazzotta Ashfield Boys' High School, Alfredo Carmona Ashfield Boys' High School, David Barret Drummoyne Boys' High School, Brian Ellem Asquith Boys' High School, Mick Oustam-basidis Drummoyne Boys' High School, Warwick Tingle Cromer High School, Michael Pavella Epping Boys' High School, Scott England Killarney Hts High School.

MANAGER: Mr Stan Mitford, Kur-ring-gai High School.



Colin Cooper one of our Australian Under 16s.

BELNORTH

THE TEAM lost the first game of the season and since then they have not looked back.

They have won every game and are now on top of the ladder, with a 3 point lead.

The team has 6 ACT Soccer Academy boys and 3 ACT representatives.



They are from left to right standing: Matthew Whately, Steven Vanzetti, Guy Kenell, Damien Ross (cap), Mrk Markezic, Jason Swan, Paul Stoodely. BOTTOM ROW: Richard Millin, Troy Atkins, Mark Pistor, Simon Kroon, Robert Dougglas.

COACH: S. Millin MANAGER: N. Vanzetti

ILLAWARRA/WOLLONGONG CITY UNDER 14 NSW YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM — 1985



BACK ROW: Derek Morton, Eddie Smith, (Coach) John Vlietstra, David Roberts, Richard Figueiredo, Jason Venturini, (Manager) Vlatko Jankelovski, Tony Taneski, Craig Fleuren, Mike Forshaw, (Seated) Steven Baggott, Jason Wenig (C), Paul Zuiderwyk, Daniel Vlietstra, Steven Forshaw.



Action from a Marconi — Blacktown encounter, Tony Raciti says either — could take on and beat the NSW U/16 side.



Belneth boy Mark Marezic. Mark has played for Belneth for the last 6 years and he has always been in the first division. He also trains with the ACT Soccer Academy, which contributed to Mark's game and improved his skill. Mark plays in the position of midfield and forward.

SOUTH QUEENSLAND TEAM FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE South Queensland squad to go to Victoria this month for the National Championships, once again it looks a strong task force.

The Queenslanders go into the arena as defending National Champions, a title they won last year in Canberra in spectacular style.

But this year, the Queenslanders will be without midfielder and Australian captain, Julie Dolan.

Dolan has shifted back to NSW and is currently playing for the Sydney Club, Kil-larney.

Skipper of the Queenslanders, for the fifth consecutive year, will be Australia's ace-midfielder, Susan Monteath.

Susan, a school-teacher by profession,



SUSAN MONTEATH

will set out with her two side to again teach the other states a thing or two.

Here is the Queensland line-up...

SOUTH QUEENSLAND

1. **Susan Clayton.** Age 21. Still has an unlimited tap of potential. A first rate goalkeeper. Has played at all levels in representative soccer. Sue has also represented Brisbane in Indoor Cricket.

2. **Terri McQueen.** Age 26. After a year off Terri returns to the Old team with a vengeance. A solid defence player who takes her game seriously. Other sporting interest in Touch Football.

3. **Vanessa Clayton.** Age 18. Has come ahead in leaps and bounds. Vanessa is a very capable player who can slot into any defence position. She has also represented Australia in Indoor Soccer.

4. **Sue Monteath (captain).** Age 25. A most valuable midfielder who never stops running. This will be Sue's 5th year as Captain of the Qld team. She has represented Australia in New Zealand, Noumea, Hawaii and China and Taiwan in 1984. Enjoys all sports. Susan is Australia's most valuable player.

5. **Diana Cameron.** Age 23. Di is playing for Old for the first time. Having played for ACT in 1981, 82 and 84. A very strong defence player who runs the full 70 minutes. She enjoys most outdoor sports.

6. **Stephanie McMahon.** Age 23. A very speedy utility player who is at home in any position on the field. This is Stephanies 3rd year in the Qld team. She was also chosen in the Australian Indoor Soccer team this year to tour England and Europe.

7. **Kim Dunlop.** Age 17. This is Kim's 2nd year in the Old team. In 1984 Kim made her debut in the Australian team to tour Taiwan. A very capable fullback who relishes the job of sweeper.

8. **Joanne Millman.** Age 23. Our rock of Gibraltar. A very capable and hard working defender. Joanne has represented Australia in Hawaii, Noumea and China and Taiwan in 1984. Other interests are Tennis and Golf.

9. **Leanne Priestley.** Age 21. Is a constant player and prolific striker. She is a danger when allowed to run and never misses an opportunity. Leanne has represented Australia in New Zealand, Noumea and Hawaii.

10. **Doris Haddock.** Age 28. Coming back this year to the Old team after a break of a few years. Doris is the ferret of the team playing in the midfield or forwards. Other interests are Touch Football, Hockey and Cricket.

11. **Jenny Cumming.** Age 24. A very keen deceptive forward and a good team worker. This is Jenny's 2nd year in the Old team and she seems to improve more each year. Other interests are Hockey, Softball and Squash.

12. **Tracey Smith.** Age 21. A very solid, hard working midfielder who can also slot into the forward line. Tracey is the comedienne of the Old team and enjoys Basketball.

13. **Michelle Sawyers.** Age 24. Is a speedy defender who never stops running. Michelle has played for the Old team constantly since 1974, and represented Australia in Hawaii.

14. **Donna Fredicksen.** Age 25. Representing Old for the first time, Donna is an agile midfielder with heaps of potential. She has represented N.Q. in soccer and athletics.

15. **Lyn Spencer.** Age 26. A very determined team player who performs at her best whatever position she is in. Lyn reads the game well and is a great distributor of the ball. Has represented Old for 7 years.

16. **Susan Bubeck.** Age 29. Earning her 3rd state cap as a goalkeeper. Sue is at home in the goals and on the field. Her other sporting interests are Tennis, Softball and Indoor Cricket.

17. **Klara Szabo.** Age 19. This will be Klara's first year in the Old team. A very keen forward with a promising career ahead of her. She has represented Brisbane in Athletics and Softball.

18. **Gayle Schneider.** Age 22. A very steady midfielder who is also representing Old for the first time. Gayle is also involved in Softball and Squash.

Coach: Fred Robins 4 Years
Manageress: Marise Stephens 2 Years
Assistant Manageress: Hilary Howell 4 Years
Physiotherapist: Jan Monteath

MET WEST VICTORIOUS

METROPOLITAN WEST are the NSW CHS Inter-Regional girls soccer champions after winning the eight-region tournament at Marconi Stadium.

In a final played in heavy rain, Met West did most of the attacking but found themselves scoreless against the defenders and counter-attackers from Liverpool.

In extra time the West scored twice after Liverpool breakaways had threatened to provide an upset result.

North Sydney ran third and Metro East fourth in the series.

After an excellent championship the State team was announced to tour New Zealand and then play in Canberra.

The New Zealand tour will take in both islands, with games in Wellington, Levin, New Plymouth and Auckland.

Details of the championship and the squads are:

Metropolitan West have won the NSW CHS Inter Regional Championship for the second season running. Here is the squad:

Janelle Burgamnn Mitchell, Kathy Brennin Mitchell, Lee-Ann Whalan Riverstone, Irene Coleman Grantham, Nicole Komorowski Whalan, Regina Eastman Blaxland Margret Clarke St Marys, Liz Matheson Model Farms,

Sharon Killen Pendle Hill Tracey Wheeler, Northmead, Nicole Clarke Greystanes, Julie Hebb Biddwill, Paula Munce Merrylands, Felicity Huntington Bidwill, Debbie Hyde.

Manager/Coach:
Mr Peter Ross Riverstone.

The coach is Peter Ross of Riverstone High School. The championship was under the control of Liverpool Region's Glenn Powell with Beverley Atherton of Cabramatta High School as carnival manager.

NSW GIRLS' CHS FINAL:

Metro West 2 Liverpool 0. **Consolation f:** Hunter 2 b North Coast 1, South Coast 2 b Riverina 1, North Sydney 1 b Metro East 0.

Final placings: Metro West 1 Liverpool 2, North Sydney 3 Metro Easts 4, South Coast 5 Riverina 6, Hunter 7 North Coast 8. **NSW TEAM:** S Perie, L Grebo, T Rastor, J Walker, K Brentin, N Komorowski, V Eastman, M Clarke, T Wheeler, S Huntington, L Mudie, L Marshall, K Schaeffer, K Alexander, S Fricker, T Zalewski.

Reserves: D Clark, L Whalan, J Hebb, F Jackson.



NSW COACH CONFIDENT

NSW Women's coach Alan Lytton is quality confident that his squad will give the Australian Women's National Championship a good shake.

The series takes place at Wembley Park, Melbourne from Wednesday, August 28/Friday September 6.

Lytton said: "I'm not sure of the strength of the other states, but there is plenty of talent in this team."

"John Doyle as my assistant has brought variety into our training and that should play dividends as well."



YOUTH LEAGUE

Under 13

Marconi v Faulkham Hills 3-0, Blacktown City v Sydney Olympic 1-0, Sydney City v Southern District 2-0, Illawarra v Bankstown 6-0.

Under 14

Sydney Olympic v Macarthur 2-1, Apia-Leichhardt v Rockdale 2-0, St George v Melita 1-2, Marconi v Central Coast 0-1.

Under 15

Illawarra v North Bankstown 6-0, Sydney Olympic v Sydney City 4-0, St George v Melita 1-0, Apia-Leichhardt v Southern District 1-0.

Under 16

Apia-Leichhardt v Southern District 1-0, Nepean v Sydney City 2-0, Marconi v Manly 2-1, Sydney Olympic v Gladesville 3-0.

FINAL TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

Under 15

Marconi v Blacktown City Parklea, Sydney City v Illawarra Ernie Smith.

Under 14

Sydney Olympic v Apia-Leichhardt Parklea, Melita v Central Coast Ernie Smith.

WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST

Under 15

St George v Apia-Leichhardt Ernie Smith, Illawarra v Sydney Olympic Parklea.

Under 16

Marconi v Sydney Olympic Ernie Smith, Apia-Leichhardt v Nepean Parklea.

METROPOLITAN UNDER 11

Illawarra v Blacktown 0-3, Southern District v Gladesville 3-2, Central Coast v Macarthur 0-2, Bankstown v St George 4-2, Canterbury v Sutherland 1-2.

Under 12

Illawarra v Blacktown 2-1, Southern District v Gladesville 1-0, Central Coast v Macarthur 0-3, Bankstown v St George 1-1, Canterbury v Sutherland 3-1.

FIRST DIVISION

ROUND 16

AUGUST 10

Weston Bears 1 Adamstown Rosebud 2, Central Coast Assn 3 Lake Macquarie City 1, Belmont-Swanea 5 Highfields Azzurri 0, Cardiff 1 West Wallsend 1, Austral United 5 Maitland Magpies 2.

SECOND DIVISION

ROUND 16

AUGUST 10

Edgeworth 0 Belmont 2, Newcastle Macedonia 1 West Lakes 3, Cessnock City 1 Wallsend 5, Port Macquarie 0 Mayfield 1, Stockton 0 Toronto-Awaba 3.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP SEMI-FINAL
KOGARAH 3 JAMES COOK 1

MITRE are proud to be sponsors of the Australian women's international Soccer team

OFF TO TAIWAN

IT'll be a new experience for me when I fly over on the 12th August along with Alan Vessey the Queensland Soccer Federation Executive Secretary, referees co-ordinator Ahmed Hussian from Fiji and Doug Edwards, Sports Medicine from New Zealand.

We're the staff for the FIFA course to be run in Taiwan as part of the Oceania Confederation Programme. It's a pretty extensive course and one made more difficult by the language problem which will mean having to have interpreters.

PROGRAMME

| DAY | SESSION | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----------------|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| 1. FRI. 16th | A OPENING CEREMONY C FIFA/COCA COLA T AND FOOTBALL R | Committees Conditioning Physiology The IFAB | General Sec. The Game Physiology Ref. Role | OPTIONAL | | |
| 2. SAT. 17th. | A THE GAME C THE TEAM T THE COACH R | Confeds. Conditioning Neg. Factors Laws 1-4 | Associations Conditioning Injuries Laws 7-10 | Departments Techniques Injuries Laws 13+14 | FILMS | |
| 3. SUN. 18th | A THE DOCTOR C AND T THE COACH R | Departments Passing First Aid Laws 15-17 | Departments Kicking First Aid Law 12 | Finance Legal Youth Massage Law 12 | OPTIONAL | |
| 4. MON. 19th | A THE REFEREE C AND T THE LAWS R | Admin. Tactics Altitude Law 11 | Int. Nationals Dribbling Metabolism Law 5 | DEMO— LAWS | OPTIONAL | |
| 5. TUES 20th | A THE DOCTOR C AND SPORTS T INJURIES R | Courses Heading Nutrition Law 6 | Congresses Observation Control The Ref | Information Functional Dr's Role Spirit/Law | LAW | |
| 6. WED 21st | A HOW TO C READ A T MATCH R | THE MATCH FUNCTIONAL REF. FITNESS REF. FITNESS | Preparation of a Match | The Match | Analysis of the Game | |
| 7. THURS. 22nd | A PUBLIC C RELATIONS T R | Ext. Relat. Management Refs. Fitness Injuries | OPTIONAL AND/OR REVISION | PLENARY SESSION | Closing Ceremony | |

KEY: A = ADMINISTRATION
C = COACHES
T = TRAINERS (SPORTS MEDICINE)
R = REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE

VALENTINE PARK PARKLEA

ONE million dollars from the NSW Government to enable Parklea to become one of the best sports complexes in Australia and it was an emotional Charlie Valentine after Mr Wran named the complex Valentine Park.

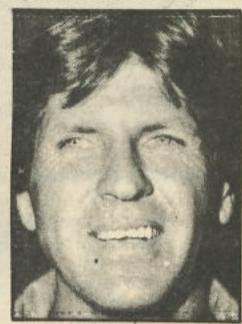
It's been a hard road for Mr Valentine and the other dedicated people behind the dream of Parklea.

Now set on 60 acres and the money to enable motel accommodation and a new grandstand.

The complex will become the envy of most other sporting bodies and should enable the development of junior players in NSW for years to come, as well as giving a permanent home to our various national teams.

ALAN VEST

Writes
for
ASW



FAIRY MEADOW COME TUMBLING DOWN

Ku-ring-gai 1 Melita 2

Ku-ring-gai and Melita played out a very hard match at Parklands that the Eagles won 2-1 quite deservedly.

Early chances went to both sides through Farrugia, Watson, Callinan, Allan.

Following a corner in the 40th minute by Ku-ring-gai's left full-back Chris Quigley, David Kevern flicked on a header for Craig Bass to open the scoring.

On the stroke of half time with Ku-ring-gai looking good, Greg McCoy hit a shot goalward that was scrambled in by Don Allan.

Nine minutes into second half Bass went close with a header.

Melita's centre-forward Barry Walker had a couple of good opportunities to put his side ahead but his usual reliability was not displayed.

Similarly Craig Bass just missed out on putting Ku-ring-gai ahead in the 59th minute.

McCoy then weaved his way into penalty area, past three defenders, and when given ample room crossed to the far post where Walker met with a header, 2-1.

Right on full-time Neil Hunter had a powerful shot saved by Richard Mullen.

The team who took their chances won the game.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Goldsworthy, Bertram, Watson, Bennett (Williamson 76) (Hunter 80), Quigley, Sutherland, Brockbank, Bass, Nile.

MELITA: Mullen, Laing, McCausland, Stead, McCoy, Vial, Farrugia, Griffiths (Davies 27), Callinan, Allan, Walker (Dalton 87).

AVALA: Voukas, Pratt, Diveni, Lembrayk, Dobson,

Andersen, Atagic, Tracey (Jordan 62), Jeffrey (Cootes 62), Murray, Carney.

URUGUAYAN: Taberman, Mano, Piriz, Hastie, Planinic, Fernandez, Butero, Estavillo, Baniles, Langan, Arbelo (Carrizo 73).

ROCKDALE: Rockdale 0
Sutherland 1

Antonopoulos came on as replacement for Bankstown and got a foot onto a cross 10 minutes from time to make it 3-1.

Up until 75th minute it was all one-way traffic. Many missed chances came from Canterbury.

Hormazabal, Spiro Hantzis and Chris Hummel stood out for the Berries.

Fairy Meadow: 0
Polonia: 2

Rockdale: 0
Sutherland: 1

Manly: 0
Warringah: 0

A VERY TYPICAL
derby game, rugged,
and, no inch asked
for or given.

David Watt stood out like a beacon in a Warringah side that continually denied their northern compatriots.

The youthful exuberance of the Manly side was successfully quelled.

Admittedly it was not a game for the forwards as John Dick proved with an outstanding effort at the back for Manly which had Warringah's coach Brian McMahon claiming later, "He may be one of the enemy but I'd like him in my team."

Although there was a complete lack of goals the game was entertaining as play continually went from one end of the field to the other.

WARRINGAH: P.Dean, Hanley, Jones, Watt, Parfitt, Griffin, Collinges, A.Dean, Van Healdon, Sandner, Nacinovic.

MANLY: Barker, Jeurgens, Dennis, J.Dick, Gogic, Hethington, Pagano, Jebrail, Williamson, Holloway, Baumgartner.

ROCKDALE: Kotzahombos, Blackburn, G.Wilson, Pilovski, Forrester, D.Wilson, Mickoski, Slaveski, Brown, Peleganos, Nasostosi.

SUTHERLAND: Birchmore, Schumann, Terry, Burrows, Dal Forino, Webber, Groome, Harrington, Hall, Beggs, Gray.

EVEN THOUGH Ava-

LA: happy-go-lucky
coach Vic Dalgleish
has done so superbly
in China with the U16
Aussies his club side
back home Ava-

LA: have literally packed it in.

Lately the Ava side just haven't been able to put a decent performance together on the field at all.

Yesterday they were totally outplayed by a more than committed Uruguayan outfit.

The goalscorers were Babiles (2) and Hastic a penalty.

AVALA: Voukas, Pratt, Diveni, Lembrayk, Dobson,

POLOMIA CAUSED POSSIBLY the upset of the year when they gunned down State League leaders Fairy Meadow in Corrimbal to the tune of 2-0.

MICKY BRATKOVIC was without doubt the star of the match with two absolute screamers.

The first came when he drove an brilliant drive from 30 metres that Warwick Young had no hope with.

The second came after Henry Sobczyk and Andrej Pop combined well and Micky Bratkovic nodded the ball home.

It was in fact a record set by Polonia, they are the only club to ever beat Fairy Meadow at Corrimbal.

In fact if Stefan Janic had had his scoring boots on it could have been 4 or 5 goals to Polonia.



TNT SKYPAK
THE WORLD WIDE COURIERS

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SATURDAY AUGUST 17:

URUGUAY AUBURN v BANKSTOWN NATIONAL MONA PARK

SUNDAY AUGUST 18:

AVALA v FAIRY MEADOW KNIGHT PARK No.4

POLONIA v MANLY WARRINGAH CHOPIN PARK

WARRINGAH N'BEEN v KU-RING-GAI N'BEEN FITNESS CAMP

MELITA EAGLES v ROCKDALE ILINDEN MELITA EAGLES

SUTHERLAND SHIRE v CANTERBURY M'VILLE SEYMOUR SHAW PARK

SECOND DIVISION

SATURDAY AUGUST 17:

Artarmon v Campbelltown City

Artarmon Reserve

North Bankstown v Cant & Dist

Potts Park

Gladesville H v Bathurst '75

Pioneer Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 18:

Blacktown United v Queens Park

Francis Park

Dee Why Swans v Gladesville H

Cromer Park

Wollongong Mac v Penrith United

Berkeley S/G

SSC Yugal v Bathurst '75

Blick Oval

Campbelltown City v Artarmon

Lynwood Park

SATURDAY AUGUST 24:

KU-RING-GAI v POLONIA PARKLANDS OVAL

SUNDAY AUGUST 25:

FAIRY MEADOW v URUGUAY AUBURN MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimbal)

MANLY WARRINGAH v AVALA CROMER PARK

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v WARRINGAH N'BEEN HURSTVILLE OVAL

CANTERBURY M'VILLE v MELITA EAGLES ARLINGTON OVAL

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL v SUTHERLAND SHIRE JENSEN PARK

PARKLANDS OVAL

MEMORIAL PARK (Corrimbal)

CROMER PARK

HURSTVILLE OVAL

ARLINGTON OVAL

JENSEN PARK

DISPATCHES REPORT

SOCER WORLD



BARCELONA ACCUSED

BARCELONA's magnificent 1984-85 season, when they won the Spanish first division title, is now under scrutiny.

It seems somebody was ready to bribe a referee to ensure Barcelona won a game. One referee claims he was offered \$1,500 by a Barcelona businessman to make sure the game was won.

A bribery investigation is now on.

HAMMERS IN HOLLAND

HOLLAND is proving a big attraction for scouts from West Ham United, who are very keen to buy Danny Hoekman from NEC Nijmegen.

The left-winger has been in sparkling form in pre-season outings and, at 21, looks one of the brightest young stars in the country.

Several West Ham officials popped over the water to watch Hoekman in action against AZ 67.

PLAYERS ON DOLE!

FOOTBALL tragedies in Bradford and Brussels will not be forgotten for a long time and those twin disasters last season are now being felt by many players in England.

Many UK clubs whose grounds have been declared unsafe, face a huge pay-out for repairs and renovations.

This means less, much less, cash is available for players.

In this harsh economic climate, it is not surprising that the Professional Players Association — the players' union — reports 14 per cent of professional players are out of work.

The PFA has 1,750 members and 250 of them are not fixed up for the new season.

Brendan Batson, assistant secretary of



The Liverpool and Juventus supporters do battle in Brussels.

The PFA, gloomily warns: "The game in this country is at its lowest ebb."

BRIBERY CLOUD OVER ITALY

MORE bribery allegations are rocking Italy.

The Italian FA is investigating claims that Padua in the second division, paid \$40,000 to players of Taranto to lose a vital match.

Taranto did lose it to Padua 2-1 and that

saved Padua from being relegated.

If the charges are proved, both clubs will be relegated and charges will be laid against players and directors.

THEY'D PLAYED OTHER GAMES!

ONE of the most amazing, and amusing, stories of the 1984-85 soccer season concerned the German team manager's wife who was having love affairs with all the players in the team. "The Standard", London's evening newspaper, followed up with this cartoon.



"They're a bit jaded at the end of the season but you can't blame it all on the manager's wife!"

CHIEN HA GETS A BOAT TO ARSENAL

ONE of the Vietnamese boat people has signed for Arsenal — who pipped Manchester City, Manchester United and Birmingham City for the boy.

His name is Chien Ha and he is only 15. or played on a full-sized pitch until recently."

Six years ago, as a nine year old, Ha escaped with thousands of other desperate refugees from Hanoi and finally landed in Hong Kong.

He and his family moved to England and settled in Rugby.

"The journey on the boat was very frightening," said the youngster.

"I love football and my father represented Vietnam, but I had never owned a pair of boots until we settled in England.

"In fact, I had never seen a proper match

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DON HOWE

Despite these handicaps, Chien Ha has dazzled club scouts with his ball control and would dearly love to be the first Vietnamese to make the grade in England.

Bob Houghton, who once took Sweden's Malmo to the European Cup final but failed to get success with Bristol City, is new coach of Itihed in Jeda in Saudi Arabia.

Houghton has been coaching in the doomed North American League with Toronto Blizzard.

SAUDIS SIGN BOB

IT'S amazing how many coaches find their way to the Arab countries, sooner or later.

PIERE'S INSTANT ITALIAN

PIERE LITBARSKI, Cologne's talented international winger, was learning Spanish just in case a wealthy Spanish club might lure him from Germany.

Now Litbarski has changed his language teacher — and he's learning Italian!

The change was made after he had a chat with Karl Heinz Rummenigge who is obviously enjoying the financial benefits of playing for Inter Milan.

SPAIN'S POOLS HELP

SPANISH Soccer Pools, run by the government, have come to the aid of financially-worried clubs.

Clubs will now get three and a half per cent of Pools revenue. Previously, they took only one per cent.

The extra cash, though, will not be squandered on paying huge money to a few players. The government will keep an eye on where it goes.

RECOGNISE THEM?

THE well-produced FIFA Magazine certainly lets its readers know what FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter looks like.

Going through the 34-page publication, we spotted no fewer than 11 pictures of Blatter.

That's even more exposure than that enjoyed by his boss, FIFA president Joao Havelange, whose picture appears only eight times in the magazine!



PIERE LITBARSKI

UK Scene

SCOTS TO BE THERE

NINIAN PARK, where the so-crucial Wales v Scotland World Cup elimination is being staged on September 11, will have a ceiling capacity of 40,000.

Scotland wants 50,000 tickets for the big match!

A rumour has been going around suggesting that all tickets would be sold in Wales and none would be available for travelling Scots, but

LAST CHANCE FOR PETER BARNES

PROBABLY the most surprising signing of the close season took Peter Barnes from Coventry City to Manchester United for \$100,000.

Barnes, oozing skill, has been a major disappointment at his last three clubs, Leeds United, Real Betis in Spain and Coventry.

When he wore the England jersey, Barnes looked one of the nation's top players — but he was last wanted by England three years ago.

In a remarkably frank interview, Barnes admitted the Manchester United move was his last chance in the big time.

"I am 28 and the next four years ought to be the best of my life," said Barnes, "but instead, I have to prove I can do it all again."

"I am running out of time. I feel certain I

will get a chance at Old Trafford and when I do, it will be up to me to accept it."

The skilful winger was only 17 when he hit the headlines with his brilliance for Manchester City.

Since then, his career has been a story of ups and downs, mostly downs.

He sums up the situation: "In the last three or four years, I have lost my way and I am partly to blame for that."

"My choice of clubs has been poor — but perhaps my attitude has not helped either."

One thing cannot be denied. If the inconsistent Peter Barnes does recover his old form, he will prove the best buy of the year.



PETER BARNES...in a Manchester United jersey.

\$800,000 FROM A BAD YEAR!

LIVERPOOL made a profit last season of \$800,000, although they failed to win a major trophy for the first time in 10 years.

Even so, chairman John Smith casts doubts on the long-term future of football in England.

"The growing problem of violence and total disregard for law and order — plus a great deterioration in behaviour standards — cast a shadow over the future.

Aston Villa, another club which did not have a successful season, also made a handsome profit ... more than \$500,000 for the second year running.

Villa made money by cutting costs and selling players. Since totting up the balance,

Villa have sold Gordon Cowans and Paul Rideout to Italian club Bari for \$1,200,000. So the cash spent on

signing Andy Gray from Everton will hardly be missed from the Villa bank account.



GORDON COWANS...big money transfer.

SOCCKET'S OWN TV COMPANY

BELIEVE it or not, the squabble over TV rights for English football drags on and on.

The Football League, annoyed about the stand taken by TV companies, say they will start their own television company to pull in money from overseas sales of matches.

Already, crews, equipment and commentators are lined up to send TV match coverage to more than 30 countries.

This will ensure ground advertisers and jersey sponsors get exposure as contracted.

The League will bring in a complete blackout of all TV soccer, apart from its own efforts.

Even the two-minute shots for news bulletins will not be permitted.

RIX IS HOPING

GRAHAM RIX still hopes to settle his differences with Arsenal but his recent drink-driving charge did not do much to endear him to the club.

Arsenal have had more than enough similar problems with other players.

The club took the captaincy off Rix after he was convicted.

He is on Sheffield Wednesday's wanted list and, if Arsenal decide to part, could return to his old home in south Yorkshire.

BRADFORD CITY FOR ODSAL

BRADFORD CITY will play home games at the vast Odsal Stadium, home of Bradford Northern Rugby League club.

The City players have returned to their fire-ravaged ground only once since the tragedy there three months ago.

Team manager Trevor Cherry realises this will be a difficult season for his newly-promoted team and says: "The players are embarking on the

longest season of their lives. The memories of yesterday still hurts, they are still vivid.

"I see a burning stand every day of my life ... but we have to go forward."

Incidentally, the Appeal Fund for relatives of the fire victims has now gone past the \$6,000,000 mark.

IAN IN RUSH FOR GOALS

IAN RUSH is ready to start the new season in his normal devastating goalscoring form.

In a pre-season friendly match against Burnley at Turf Moor, the Welsh international scored a hat trick and hit the woodwork twice in Liverpool's 5-1 victory.

New player Ken Damange and Ronnie Whelan also scored for Liverpool.

This was Liverpool's first match since the tragedy in Brussels and team captain Phil Neal recalled that when he said: "Everyone at Liverpool, directors, players and supporters, has to work harder than ever now to promote the club.

"We have more to prove than ever,

following the carnage in Brussels. It's going to be a long slog."



IAN RUSH

AWAY FANS BARRED

JUSTICE POPPLEWELL, who conducted the survey on UK ground safety measures, obviously upset many clubs with one recommendation.

The Judge wants visiting fans to be barred from all matches.

This could cut at least 10 per cent from gate receipts but it is a logical step, bearing in mind that visiting fans usually cause most of the trouble.

It is also proposed that nobody should be admitted to matches unless he or she can produce an identity card.

TV CAMERAS FOR THUGS

THERE will be closed-circuit TV installed at Everton, Liverpool, Glasgow Rangers and West Ham this season.

It is an anti-hooligan measure, with cameras being used to identify trouble-makers in the crowd.

The four clubs have been given permission to install the TV and were allocated \$1,000,000 by the Football Trust to finance the project.

EVERTON WILL PAY UP

WOLVES ASK MICK

EVERTON were considerably shocked when the transfer fee for their new forward Gary Lineker was announced by the independent tribunal.

The Merseysiders were ordered to pay \$1,600,000 for the player — even though their actual offer had been only \$800,000.

Selling club Coventry said they had been given a fair hearing and were satisfied with the transfer fee.

"We are having to pay more than I expected," said Everton boss Howard Kendall,

"but Lineker is a good player and he will give value for money over the next four years."

MICK CHANNON has been interviewed for the position of team manager of Wolves, in succession to Tommy Docherty.

Meanwhile, a previous Wolves manager, Graham Hawkins, has been awarded \$16,000 compensation for unfair dismissal and the manner in which it was carried out.

* WHEN manager Jim Smith moved from Birmingham City to Oxford, he took full-back Dave Langan with him to his new club.

Now Smith has joined QPR, the betting is Langan will again pack his bags and follow the boss.



GARY LINEKER...so expensive.

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